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Students at risk for dangerous staph infections

The infection can be spread in a variety of ways, including contact with open wounds

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The Senate unanimously passed a bill that will make penalties the same for powder cocaine and crack

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From his experience as a part-time toothbrush, columnist Grant Pardee explains that your job is only as enjoyable as you make it

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White House denies 'watering down' report

Key portions of a hearing on environmental impact were allegedly edited out by White House officials

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In their first win in a month, the Falcons won their last nonconference game

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In a tough four-game battle against the Miami Redhawks, the team managed to remain undefeated at home

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JOSIE HUG
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"Yes, because I am not going to need them."

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WEATHER

TODAY

Windy
High: 59, Low: 50

TOMORROW

Showers
High: 62, Low: 51

USG president: Campus safety is No. 1 priority

By Kristen Vasas
Reporter

Undergraduate Student Government President Johnnie L. Lewis stressed the idea that "silence is compliance" at last night's State of the Student Body Address in the Union.

After being introduced by Vice President Nick Gamero, Lewis focused on USG's top five issues for this year.

"Campus safety is our number one priority," Lewis said. "It originated first through the Virginia Tech tragedy, but our concern has only escalated due to the violence on campus."

Lewis said the Information Technology System has been working on creating a cell phone system,

which would alert students when a crisis arises on campus.

He also stressed the importance of making sure friends are accounted for at all times.

"Don't let friends walk alone, especially at night," he said. "People need to realize that the crimes have not increased, but the violence of the crimes has."

Sophomore Kari Crenshaw was pleased to hear campus safety was an issue USG would be working on.

"I think Johnnie did a really good job covering the campus safety thing," she said. "It affects everyone all the time, so it's definitely something that needs to be discussed."

Second on Lewis' list was the concern over the tuition hold.

"We will see no increase in

tuition this year which is great, but that also poses a problem down the road," he said. "Because of the situation surrounding the tuition hold, some University programs might get cut or lose their funding."

USG plans to look at and assess the issue even though the University may not see the effects for nearly two or three years.

Along with the tuition hold, USG also plans on revising the academic honesty policy.

"The policy is too lengthy and confusing right now," Lewis said. "We want to simplify it and make it clearer to students."

The issue arose when the student government discovered mis-

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ADDRESS: USG President Johnnie L. Lewis speaks in Union about this year's goals.

Univ. commits to marriage research

By Gina Potthoff
Reporter

Men in the U.S. are waiting until age 27 to get married, and women are waiting until they're 25. This is just one of the many issues the University's new National Center for Marriage Research will be tackling over the next five years.

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services was so interested in the causes and consequences of this and other current marriage issues that it offered researchers across the nation a chance to earn a \$4.35 million grant to create the nation's one and only national marriage research center.

Univ. professor Wendy Manning and associate professor Susan Brown, co-directors of the new center, heard about the grant on July 3 of this year and turned in their 100-page proposal less than a month later.

The national center puts BGSU's program at a high level of visibility, which can attract attention from scholars, researchers and students, said Gary Lee, chair of the sociology department.

Since the new research center will need \$5.52 million in total funding, the University will make up the difference with donations from the sociology department, graduate college and the College of Arts and Sciences.

"This is a really terrific accomplishment for both Susan Brown and Wendy Manning, but also for the University and the region," said Heinz Bulmahn, dean of the graduate college and vice provost for research.

Manning and Brown, both accomplished researchers in the sociology field, collaborated on the proposal, which aims to address six main questions that deal with marriage and family issues across generations in the U.S.

"The million-dollar question is whether marriage is the cause or consequence of well-being," Brown said.

Well-being can be affected by economics, physical health and mental health, but they're trying to see where heterosexual marriage fits in the equation.

Families are more complicated, Manning said.

The percentage of U.S. children born to unwed mothers is at 38 percent, compared to 5 percent in 1960, which shows the difference between the changing generations, Brown said.

We need to research these issues

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Biographical writer shares life stories

Author of "The Glass Castle," Jeannette Walls, inspires local community

By Kelly Metz
Reporter

Despite all Jeannette Walls has been through, she is still able to laugh at her life.

The Lenhart Grand Ballroom was filled with laughter, silence and other mixed emotions as Jeannette Walls, author of "The Glass Castle," came yesterday to share her story with staff, faculty, community members and students.

"The Glass Castle," the common reading book and the community read for the city of Bowling Green this year, was chosen for being provocative and engaging and a book everyone can relate to, literature professor Brett Holden said.

"This book is a wonderful example of a person who thrived under what most people consider impossible obstacles," he said.

The memoir, about the life of young Jeannette Walls and her



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AUDIENCE INTERACTION: Jeannette Walls signs books after her speech.

family living in poverty-stricken environments from Arizona to West Virginia, has received varied comments from readers. These comments have dealt with the unique selfishness of her eccentric mother to the trying times of love and understanding from an alcoholic father.

Although this book might have been hard for readers, the pain and struggles were no-

ing compared to what Walls felt while writing.

Her mother encouraged her to be truthful, yet Walls still felt her world would come crashing down once people knew the reality of her homeless and poor background.

"Once people knew the truth,

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Organ donation myths dispelled

By Kate Snyder
Reporter

There are many myths surrounding organ donation. Some people fear doctors will see them only for their organs, others think it goes against religious values. But one group on campus is looking to dispel these rumors.

The on-campus organization Students for Organ Donation is less about recruitment and more about education.

"It's mostly a communication type of process," said Lee Meserve, the adviser for the program.

The group meets once a month on Wednesdays. One of the activities members do is write cards for children waiting for organs. They have also done fundraisers at football games in concessions. Funds go to the national Organ Procurement meeting in Detroit.

"Our purpose is to educate people about organ donation, there are a lot of myths," said Vice President Elyssa Northey.

One of the most common

"Our purpose is to educate people about organ donation."

Elyssa Northey | Vice President

myths is that if an organ donor is in an accident, the doctor won't try as hard to save them.

Another myth is that most religions forbid organ donation. According to Meserve only a handful of religions absolutely don't allow for donations, and they are very obscure.

Megan Greenwald, the president of the group, also said there are those who think they would be unable to have an open-casket funeral if they donate organs. That is also not true.

Along with these myths, Meserve said one of the biggest reasons why people don't donate

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WALLS

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I was going to lose everything," Walls said. "I've never been so wrong and never been so happy to be wrong."

Walls said coming clean about her background and her story is the most emancipating experience in her life and she is constantly fascinated by reader reactions to her story.

Walls remembers two particular reader reactions, one from a cheerleader claiming she would never be mean to a poor girl at school and an Alabama teenager who told her, "This here is a fine white-trash story." Walls said this is the best compliment she ever received.

Walls believes that if a "white-trash" boy can relate, and a cheerleader vacationing in the Caribbean can relate, that is the greatest gift she can give to her readers.

Empathy and relating to others in different circumstances were stressed by Walls as she discussed her childhood and growing up in

Welch, W.Va. She considers herself scrappy because of this background, but acknowledges she couldn't be like that all the time.

"Being able to fight is good," she said. "But sometimes, it is okay to take off the armor, set down weapons and be vulnerable."

This concept helped her understand the world is not only full of potential enemies, but potential friends and this helped her find compassion for people and be accepting of her past life.

Many of the lessons she learned in life, she learned from her parents.

From the memoir, she discusses her father helping her find "the demon" hiding under her bed.

"My father told me to look [the demon] in the eye and tell him I wasn't afraid, he was really telling me to face my fears," she said. "My demon has been myself, it has been my past and the past has a habit of catching up to you."

Her past is what has kept her going, through incredible odds, and although many believe she would blame her parents for her struggles, Walls credits them for helping her in her life.

"I may not have had heat or food, but my parents would never make fun of my dreams," Walls said. "If your parents give you belief in yourself, the rest is gravy, if they love you and give you a sense of self, that's all you need."

Walls spoke on some traumatic events such as her dress catching on fire as a four-year-old, and how scars make a person who they are. Her husband told her not to be ashamed of scars, but embrace them as a sign she has survived whatever tried to hurt her. She hopes her readers will feel the same.

"Scars give people texture," she said. "The texture may be slightly flawed, but flaws are the best thing and texture do not make you less of a person."

In between the traumatic stories, Walls was always able to look positively on the experience and even make fun of herself, her parents and her situation. Something about her character which shocked and surprised sophomore Caitlin Keelor.

Keelor was blown away with what Walls had to say.

"She is so light-hearted, I don't know how she can look back on her story and laugh and be in such good spirits, I can't compare to her life, or know how she can be so carefree and carry herself so well under the circumstances she faced," Keelor said.

Although anyone who read "The Glass Castle" often wonders how Walls can forgive the people from her past, she is not looking for an apology and has come to terms with the past and is able to look on it with ease and laugh about many events.

"When life gives you lemons, you should go all out and make lemon meringue pie!"

MARRIAGE

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so we can inform people and change the next generation of marriage researchers, she said.

Divorce also plays a role in the changing family structure, since about half of all first marriages are expected to end in divorce, Manning said.

This could affect the well-being of a child because children typically are better off when they're in better families, Manning said.

On top of these issues, the research center will be looking at the effects marriages and families have on adolescents' views toward marriage, the issue of cohabitation before marriage, the formation of family outside of marriage compared to married families, and the effects of marriage education programs in maintaining a person's well-being.

A number of University faculty and undergraduate and graduate students will be working on these topics, along with several national affiliates.

Since the research center funding didn't begin until early October, some things are still up in the air, such as hiring more staff.

Bulmahn said faculty on release time will be working in the research center as one way the University can make up the

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Heinz Bulmahn | Dean

money difference between the federal grant and the amount needed for research.

"Faculty on release" is staff, such as a graduate student, that is released from usual teaching loads to focus on research, he said.

Manning said they are also still looking for a centralized location for the research center on campus, since the faculty currently has no place to gather for conferences, workshops and pilot research projects. Until that time, they will be working with the center for family demographic research on campus in 109 Williams Hall, she said.

Both Brown and Manning will be traveling to Washington, D.C., next Friday to meet with national affiliates and said they expect the research center to actually get going next spring.

BLOTTER

TUESDAY

2:40 P.M.

A man received a \$6,000 check in the mail from Europe. He believes it to be a fraud.

3:55 P.M.

Someone stole a Samsung cell phone from Taco Bell.

6:06 P.M.

A student walked into the Student Health Center, bleeding and seeking treatment. He had left the Wood County Hospital earlier and pulled out his IVs.

8:16 P.M.

A man reported that several items were stolen from his apartment that he found on sale later that day at a video game store in Perrysburg.

10:22 P.M.

Police responded to reports at Kreischer Batchelder of somebody throwing water balloons and sauce-filled balloons at windows. When officers arrived, the students were gone.

WEDNESDAY

1:40 A.M.

Mikeena M. Fitzgerald, 26, of Bowling Green, was arrested and taken to the Wood County Justice Center for assaulting a police officer, resisting arrest and criminal mischief at Uptown.

CORRECTION POLICY

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DELTA SIGMA PI COW PLOT FOR THE KIDS 2007

Saturday, October 27 from 3-6pm
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Delta Sigma Pi is teaming up with Make-A-Wish Foundation® of Northwest Ohio to raise money for 5 year-old Alex and get his one wish, to go to Disney World with his family. Alex will be attending that day so please come and show him your support.

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USG

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takes made in light of the honesty policy, as well as general confusion among the students as to what it contained. USG is currently reviewing the policy and discussing possible changes.

After noting the review of the academic honesty policy, Lewis went on to discuss making instructor evaluations public.

"This idea grew off of private evaluations," he said. "The evaluations must become useful to both students and faculty, and right now they just aren't helping anyone out."

Lewis promised to alert the student body when he knows more information about the progress of public instructor evaluations.

Lastly, Lewis discussed the

work made on the issue of a downtown shuttle bus.

The University-provided bus would offer transportation to late-night club-goers, as well as protection for students crossing the railroad tracks in the dark.

"The idea has been discussed for a number of years," he said. "Now is the time to put that plan into action."

At the conclusion of the address, Mark Kowalski, junior, said he felt that Lewis's plans for this year were effective and promising.

"He's done a great job so far and has really idolized an effective student government," he said. "He's tried to reach out to a wide variety of people, and I think that shows that he really cares about the student population."

Lewis ended the speech by reinforcing Kowalski's feelings



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SPEAKING OUT: Lewis gives the State of the Student Body Address last night in the Union. The speech was attended by students and faculty on campus.

about him.

"USG is here for us, the students," he said. "Don't be afraid

to come to us and tell us the good, the bad and the ugly. This is our school and USG is our voice."

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Some events taken from events.bgsu.edu

10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

SAGA Glass Sale
Table Space, Union

11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.

All College Book Author
Jeanette Walls
Cedar Point Center Auditorium

3 - 6 p.m.

Student Support Services
Success Conference
316 Union

4 - 5 p.m.

Kids Unlimited
Presentation
201 University Hall

5 - 6 p.m.

FYSS - Fighting
Temptations, Not Your
Peers
314 Union

7 - 10 p.m.

CRU Thursday Meeting
101 Olscamp

7 p.m. - 11:30 p.m.

Creed on Campus Weekly
Meeting
201 Union

7:30 p.m.

International Film Series:
"Nobody Knows"
Gish Film Theater, Hanna Hall

8 - 10 p.m.

Greek Awards Ceremony
202B Union

8 p.m.

Jazz Guitar Ensemble
Bryan Recital Hall, Moore Musical
Arts Center

8 - 11 p.m.

New Member Greek Week
Awards Ceremony
Union Ballroom

8 - 9 p.m.

UAO Pub Series Karaoke
Black Swamp PubHealth center warns of
staph infections on campusBy Adam Louis
ReporterThat mysterious bug bite or
pimple could be more than a
simple, annoying skin flaw.It could be community-
acquired Methicillin-Resistant
Staphylococcus Aureus
(MRSA). According to the
Centers for Disease Control,
MRSA is a bacterial skin infection
resistant to a class of anti-
biotics known as methicillin.It is spread through close
contact of people with open
wounds, the sharing of person-
al and athletic equipment, and
the touching of contaminated
surfaces.MRSA is more common in
those with weakened immune
systems, such as infants, the
elderly and those with skin
conditions, but has been
spread through the use of
unnecessary antibiotics to
combat viral infections like the
common cold."[Overuse of antibiotics]
generates resistance to the bac-
teria in our world, and that's
how these things develop," Dr.
Glenn Egelman, director and
physician in chief of Student
Health Services said. "The
extent of the problem is becom-
ing more widespread but that's
not a surprise."Symptoms of MRSA include
skin abrasions that appear to
be painful, like bug bites or
boils, sometimes with pus or
drainage, according to infec-
tious disease nurse Amy Jones
of the Wood County Health
Department."Staph is normally sensi-
tive to certain classes of anti-
biotics," Egelman said. "MRSA
means that class of antibiotics
doesn't work to treat the skin
infection."The resistance to different
types of treatment has made
MRSA a "superbug," according
to the CDC.The infection will spread
over the course of a few days
if not treated soon enough and
properly, eventually causing
more serious conditions and
even death, Egelman said."[Overuse of
antibiotics]
generates resistance
to the bacteria in
our world, and that's
how these things
develop."

Dr. Glenn Egelman | Director

Student Health Services
offers culture testing for MRSA.
A sample will be taken from
the patient's affected area and
the bacteria will be grown and
tested to see which antibiot-
ics kill them. This test takes
48 hours.Student Health Services has
been treating MRSA for three
years, Egelman said.Students can prevent the
spread of MRSA by washing
their hands or using an alco-
hol-based sanitizer. WebMD
advises not to use antibiotics
unless a doctor sees it as the
best way to treat an illness.If the student is infected, he
or she should keep the infected
area covered with a clean ban-
dage and regularly disinfect
frequently touched items such
as doorknobs and countertops.
They should also avoid sharing
items that have been in contact
with the wound, such as razors,
towels and clothing.According to the CDC, about
94,000 patients a year suf-
fer from drug-resistant staph
infections. Each year, 18,700
people die from these infec-
tions. This surpasses the 17,000
who die from AIDS a year.
About 2.3 million people have
or carry MRSA."[Students] need to come to
the right place to get the right
treatment and they'll be better
in a matter of a couple days,"
Egelman said. "They shouldn't
fear [MRSA], they should have
a healthy respect for it."For more information about
MRSA, students can visit
www.cdc.gov.Duke University waters synthetic turfs used by
field hockey teams during droughtBy Anne Blythe
MCT

It's not even real grass.

But in the midst of what may be
the worst drought ever in North
Carolina, Duke University and
the University of North Carolina
at Chapel Hill are watering the
synthetic turfs used by their field
hockey teams.The International Hockey
Federation insists.The universities are not break-
ing any rules. But like clock-
work, as residents in Durham
and Chapel Hill see their plants
and lawns wither, the sprinklers
go on at the UNC-CH Francis
E. Henry Stadium and at Duke's
Williams Field.Brad Schnurr, a Chapel Hill con-
tractor who does work in Durham,
saw the sprinklers go on one after-
noon recently at Duke and drove
around the block to make sure he

HARRY LYNCH | AP PHOTO

SPRINKLERS: Duke University's synthetic Williams Field gets a brief watering.

was not seeing things.

"Sprinklers aren't even the
right term, they're like fire hoses,"
Schnurr said. "I was like, 'What
is that? What is that?' I couldn't
believe it."The International Hockey
Federation requires the college
teams to saturate the syntheticturfs before each practice and
all games.It's not just the way the ball
bounces, athletics officials say,
although field hockey balls do
bounce better on saturated fields.
When the turf is wet, coaches add,
field hockey players have better
grip and report fewer injuries.

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will receive study-related medical examinations and sleep studies at no cost, and be
compensated for their time and travel.

For more information about this study, call the St. Vincent Mercy Sleep Disorders
Center at 419-251-0591 or toll-free at 1-877-847-0033.

Alcohol Awareness Week

A Message From The President

During Alcohol Awareness Week, it is important for all of
us to reflect upon the uses of alcohol in our community.
While you should have fun and enjoy your college years,
having a good time should be tied to more than drinking.
Many of the decisions you make during your time on-
campus—from declaring your major to determining how
to spend your free time—have the potential to echo
throughout the rest of your life, and it is of the utmost
importance that your choices are beneficial both for you
and for those around you.

*I strongly urge you to think carefully before you drink,
and consider all of the possible consequences to your life
and the lives of others. I hope that, in doing so, you will
make decisions that will do credit to yourself and your
future, and help contribute to the quality of life for all.*

Sidney Ribeau

Sidney A. Ribeau
President

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**Spring
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2008

Registration begins for:

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| Graduate Students | October 22 |
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| Juniors | November 6 |
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PEOPLE ON THE STREET

Are you an organ donor? [See story, p. 1]



Yes, because when I die, my organs are going to be totally useless.
TREVOR GEBHARDT, Sophomore, History



"No, I'm just not, I haven't really put any thought into it."
JANAY POWELL, Sophomore, Creative Writing

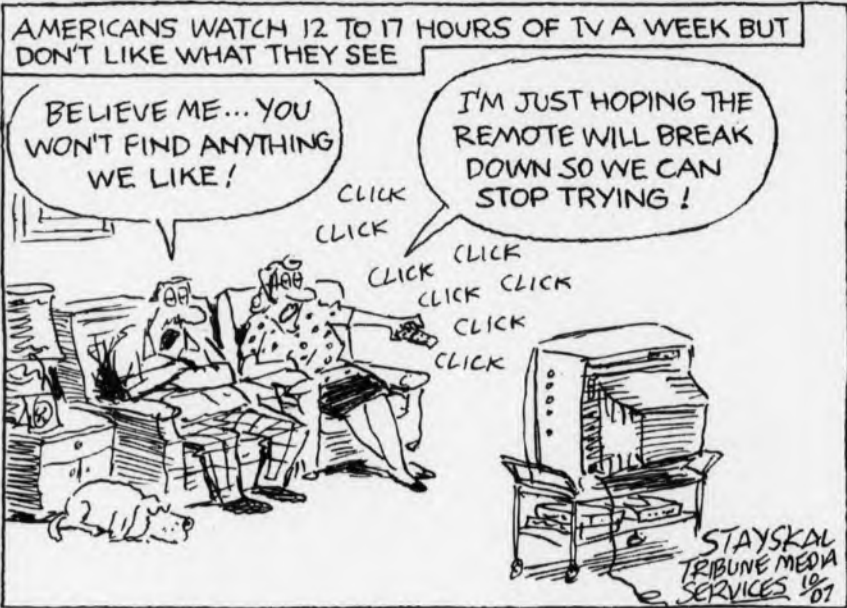


"Yes ... when I die, my body and organs should be put to some good use."
SHANE WALTER, Sophomore, Education



"I'm not, I don't know why."
KARLEEN YOUNG, Freshman, Music Education

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WAYNE STAYSKAL | MCT

Sap enjoyment out of odd jobs



GRANT PARDEE
COLUMNIST

"I assure you — nobody, but nobody, wants to see a mopey toothbrush."

I am a gigantic toothbrush. Sometimes I look like a normal person, but other times — what can I say? — I'm a giant toothbrush, complete with a bristle Mohawk and moon boots.

It's one of my part-time jobs in which I dress up like a life-size toothbrush and visit kindergartners to remind kids that oral hygiene is important and the dentist is always your friend.

The job is as ridiculous and as silly as it sounds. But I've been doing it for about a year now and, I assure you, it is a blast.

As far as odd jobs during college go, I can't imagine a better one to spend my time doing. I have no intention of being a full-time toothbrush, so why not have fun with it now?

That's what I wanted to write my article on this week. Work sucks. But it doesn't have to. You've heard it, I've heard it. You've said it, I've said it. "What time is it? Aw, I gotta get going to work — damn it! I hate my job and now I will cry for a moment." We've all been there.

But realize that it isn't that bad, buddy. You can make it not suck by having some fun with it. It's a temporary job, you must realize, one you'll have only while you're in college.

That's why you're in college, right? So you can eventually move on to jobs you enjoy more.

So why complain about your present situation so much? Do you suppose anybody likes hearing how bad your job is? Do you suppose any of your co-workers like hearing how much you don't want to be there?

I've been there, though. I've had jobs I loathed, employers I held in contempt. I realize now most of those jobs would have been salvageable and I would have a much better memory of them if I had been less negative, and if I'd allowed myself to appreciate it for what it was.

It was the toothbrush job, actually, that provided the paradigm shift — because the job is working with very young children who have a mind-boggling amount of energy, and the last thing they want is some jerk in a

bad costume to half-ass it. Why should they be cheated because I'm selfish, I thought?

I assure you — nobody, but nobody, wants to see a mopey toothbrush.

Allow me to provide another example. Occasionally I will get breakfast through the drive-thru at McDonald's, where I'm always greeted by a boisterous, cowboy-like voice: "Gooooood McMorin', camper! Yah-haw!" It's a small thing, but it always makes me smile because nobody wants to work at McDonald's — but allowing yourself to have a certain amount of enthusiasm and fun with it is contagious.

This is the point: There are many times throughout the day where you're doing something you don't want to do. The way I see it, there's two ways to approach it — either by looking for someone to empathize with your pain or to sap as much enjoyment from it as possible.

So give it a shot. Next time you're at work, force yourself to be a little more enthusiastic and see what happens. I think you'll realize, at the very least, time passes more quickly when you're trying to have fun instead of staring at the clock.

Send responses to this column to thenews@bgnews.com.

The Stephen Colbert buzz: Does being famous equal political support?



MARISHA PIETROWSKI
COLUMNIST

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The Associated Press

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — Discovery's astronauts used lasers and digital cameras yesterday to examine the shuttle's wings for any signs of launch damage as they gained on the international space station with every circling of Earth.

The inspection is standard procedure, but it's an even higher priority this time because of questions about possible flaws in three wing panels.

Flight director Rick LaBorde said a preliminary look at the images revealed nothing of significance, but it will take another few days before experts on the ground finish analyzing everything.

Commander Pamela Melroy and her crew used a 100-foot boom to survey Discovery's wings and nose, which are exposed to as much as 3,000 degrees during re-entry. The inspection took a little longer than usual because NASA wanted to collect more detailed pictures of the wings, in particular the three suspect panels.

Before Tuesday's launch, a NASA safety group recommended that the flight be delayed because there may be some cracking beneath the coating on these three panels. But senior managers decided to proceed, saying it was an acceptable risk.

NASA wants to make sure none of the protective coating has chipped away and nothing else is wrong with the reinforced-carbon panels, before bringing Discovery home.

Columbia was destroyed during re-entry approximately 4 years ago because of a hole in the left wing, left there by flyaway fuel-tank foam.

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Just as important will be the hundreds of digital pictures snapped by the three space station residents as Discovery makes its final approach for this morning's docking. The shuttle will do a slow-motion backflip, exposing its belly.

Discovery is delivering a new room for the space station that's about the size of a school bus. It's the first live-in addition since 2001.

The pressurized compartment, called Harmony, will serve as the docking port for Europe and Japan's laboratories, which will be launched on the next three shuttle flights.

Onboard preparations for the docking and the first spacewalk of the mission, set for Friday, were interrupted by repeated computer and cable problems.

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Once Discovery arrives at the space station, the seven astronauts will have little if any time to deal with problems.

They're facing the most challenging construction work ever attempted in a single mission: installing Harmony, moving a massive girder and set of solar wings on the station, and pulling out those solar wings and radiators.

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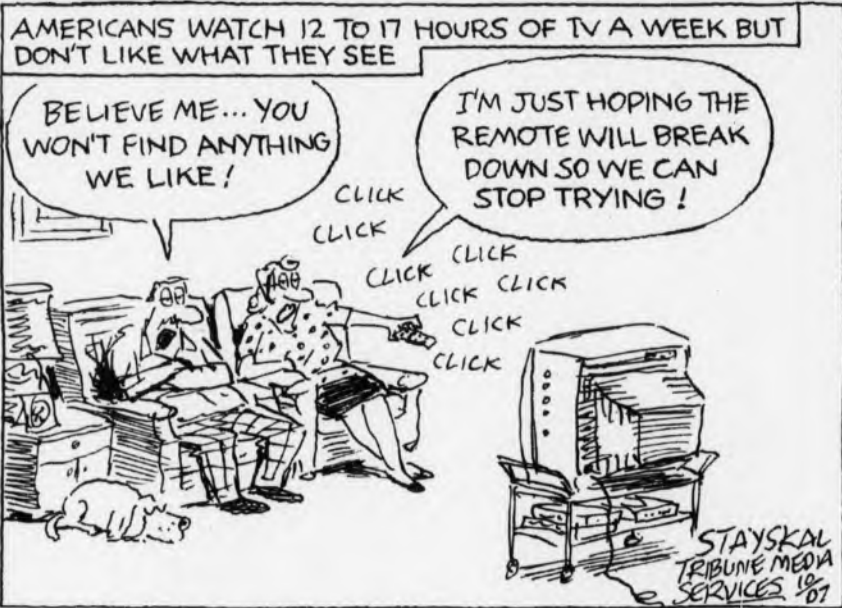


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The job is as ridiculous and as silly as it sounds. But I've been doing it for about a year now and, I assure you, it is a blast.

As far as odd jobs during college go, I can't imagine a better one to spend my time doing. I have no intention of being a full-time toothbrush, so why not have fun with it now?

That's what I wanted to write my article on this week. Work sucks. But it doesn't have to.

You've heard it, I've heard it. You've said it, I've said it. "What time is it? Aw, I gotta get going to work — damn it! I hate my job and now I will cry for a moment." We've all been there.

But realize that it isn't that bad, buddy. You can make it not suck by having some fun with it. It's a temporary job, you must realize, one you'll have only while you're in college.

That's why you're in college, right? So you can eventually move on to jobs you enjoy more.

So why complain about your present situation so much? Do you suppose anybody likes hearing how bad your job is? Do you suppose any of your co-workers like hearing how much you don't want to be there?

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"They're taking it down considerably," said Dennis Bouslaugh of the U.S. Forest Service.

Lasers, digital cameras used to inspect shuttle before landing

By Marcia Dunn
The Associated Press

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — Discovery's astronauts used lasers and digital cameras yesterday to examine the shuttle's wings for any signs of launch damage as they gained on the international space station with every circling of Earth.

The inspection is standard procedure, but it's an even higher priority this time because of questions about possible flaws in three wing panels.

Flight director Rick LaBorde said a preliminary look at the images revealed nothing of significance, but it will take another few days before experts on the ground finish analyzing everything.

Commander Pamela Melroy and her crew used a 100-foot boom to survey Discovery's wings and nose, which are exposed to as much as 3,000 degrees during re-entry. The inspection took a little longer than usual because NASA wanted to collect more detailed pictures of the wings, in particular the three suspect panels.

Before Tuesday's launch, a NASA safety group recommended that the flight be delayed because there may be some cracking beneath the coating on these three panels. But senior managers decided to proceed, saying it was an acceptable risk.

NASA wants to make sure none of the protective coating has chipped away and nothing else is wrong with the reinforced-carbon panels, before bringing Discovery home.

Columbia was destroyed during re-entry approximately 4 years ago because of a hole in the left wing, left there by flyaway fuel-tank foam.

"We seem to have had more than our fair share of bad cables."

Pamela Melroy | Commander

Just as important will be the hundreds of digital pictures snapped by the three space station residents as Discovery makes its final approach for this morning's docking. The shuttle will do a slow-motion backflip, exposing its belly.

Discovery is delivering a new room for the space station that's about the size of a school bus. It's the first live-in addition since 2001.

The pressurized compartment, called Harmony, will serve as the docking port for Europe and Japan's laboratories, which will be launched on the next three shuttle flights.

Onboard preparations for the docking and the first spacewalk of the mission, set for Friday, were interrupted by repeated computer and cable problems.

"We seem to have had more than our fair share of bad cables," Melroy said, sighing, as she struggled to get a continuous stream of readings from one of the shuttle's fuel cells.

Once Discovery arrives at the space station, the seven astronauts will have little if any time to deal with problems.

They're facing the most challenging construction work ever attempted in a single mission: installing Harmony, moving a massive girder and set of solar wings on the station, and pulling out those solar wings and radiators.

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Bombs kill 9 in Baghdad attacks

By Hamid Ahmed
The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Nearly simultaneous bombs struck commuters in a predominantly Shiite area on the southeastern edge of Baghdad yesterday, killing at least nine people and wounding about two dozen, police and hospital officials said.

The two blasts, which occurred about 30 yards apart at 7 a.m. in Jisr Diyala, were targeting government employees, construction workers and vendors preparing to travel into the capital, according to the officials.

Women and children were among the nine killed and 23 wounded, which also included three policemen who had been drinking tea bought from a vendor, the officials said.

The explosives were buried in a dirt-packed area where minibuses pick up people traveling to the nearby Baghdad neighborhood of Zafaraniyah and the center of the city. Vendors were selling pastries, juice and tea.

Mohammed Nuaman, a 36-year-old store owner who was wounded by shrapnel in the shoulder, said rescue efforts were complicated by a damaged bridge. The bridge, which spans the Diyala River, a Tigris tributary, to connect the area with Baghdad proper, was hit by two bombings in May and was still under repair.

"I heard a big explosion at the bus station area and another bomb went off about 30 seconds later, as I was heading to the area," Nuaman said, describing the burned bodies of victims in pools of blood.

"Locals rushed to the area and carried some wounded by their cars to the nearby Zafaraniyah hospital before the ambulances and police arrived about 15 minutes later," Nuaman said.

MILKING THE MARCH FOR ALL ITS WORTH



ERALDO PERES | AP PHOTO

STRIKE A POSE: A demonstrator, wearing a cow costume, performs in front of police officers in Brasilia yesterday during the "Workers March" against the economical and educational measures of the Brazilian government.

Killer 'king' takes his share of pawns

After several years, the 'Bittsa Maniac,' Alexander Pichushkin, is found guilty of murdering 48 victims, which he kept track of on a chessboard



AP PHOTO

MANIAC: Alexander Pichushkin was found guilty of killing dozens of people.

By Bagila Bukharbayeva
The Associated Press

MOSCOW — A man who once boasted he wanted to kill one victim for each of the 64 squares on a chessboard was found guilty of 48 murders yesterday, a bloody spree that terrorized the Russian capital.

Alexander Pichushkin leaned against the wall of his reinforced glass cage in the courtroom and stared at the floor as the jury foreman took about an hour to read the verdict.

Although he claimed to have killed 63 people (most of them in southern Moscow's Bittsa Park) prosecutors could only find evidence to accuse him of murdering 48 — most of which occurred over five years.

The panel, which deliberated for a little over two hours, also found him guilty of three attempted murders.

Chief Prosecutor Yuri Syomin recommended that the judge sentence Pichushkin to life imprisonment, with the first 15 years to be spent in isolation given his violent nature. Russia has maintained a moratorium on the capital punishment as part of its obligations before the Council of Europe.

The country's most notorious serial killer was Andrei Chikatilo, who was convicted in 1992 of killing 52 children and young women over the course of 12 years.

About a dozen relatives of the victims attended yesterday's session, including a young woman whose eyes filled with tears during a break after the verdict was read. She shook her head and refused to talk to a reporter.

Many whose loved ones died at the hands of the "Bittsa Maniac," as the serial killer came to be called, attended the five-week trial and heard the gruesome details of the murders.

Prosecutors said Pichushkin, 33, lured his victims (many of them homeless, alcoholic and elderly) by promising them vodka if they

would join him in mourning the death of his dog.

They said he killed 11 people in 2001, including six in one month. He killed most of his victims by throwing them into a sewage pit after they were drunk, and in a few cases strangled or hit them in the head, prosecutors said.

Beginning in 2005, he began to kill with "particular cruelty," hitting his intoxicated victims multiple times in the head with a hammer, then sticking an unfinished bottle of vodka into their shattered skulls, prosecutors said. He also no longer tried to conceal the bodies.

Pichushkin drew "particular pleasure and satisfaction" from finishing off his victims as they "pleaded for mercy," Syomin said.

Pichushkin's first victim was his school friend, whom he strangled in Bittsa Park in 1992 because he refused to join him in killing people.

He began his murderous rampage nine years later, in summer 2001. "It dawned upon me on that day that I would murder someone," he said during the trial.

He kept count of his victims on a chessboard, with a goal of marking all 64 squares, but he said he came up one victim short.

"For me, a life without murder is like a life without food for you," he has confessed.

Experts at Russia's main psychiatric clinic have found Pichushkin sane.

Prosecutors said Monday that Pichushkin had admitted killing one of his last victims in February 2006 to demonstrate that he was still at large following inaccurate reports in Russian newspapers that the "Bittsa Maniac" had been caught.

Pichushkin was arrested in June 2006 after a woman left a note at home saying that she was going for a walk with him and was then found dead.

Pichushkin said during the trial that he was aware of the note but "I could not stop myself from killing her."

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United Nations demands end to impunity for sexual abuse

By Edith M. Lederer
The Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS — The U.N. secretary-general warned that violence against women has reached "hideous" levels in some countries trying to recover from conflict, and the U.N. Security Council demanded an end to impunity for rape and other sexual abuse.

The council expressed deep concern Tuesday that despite its repeated demands for an immediate end to violence against women caught in armed conflicts, "rape and other forms of sexual abuse, as well as all other forms of violence, ... remain pervasive, and in some situations have become systematic, and have reached appalling levels of atrocity."

"The council stresses the need to end impunity for such acts as part of a comprehensive approach to seeking peace, justice, truth and national reconciliation," it said.

The council statement was read at the end of a day-long open meeting on implementation of a resolution adopted in 2000 that called for the prosecution of crimes against women and increased protection of women and girls during war. It also demanded that women be included in decision-making positions at every level of peace-making and peacebuilding.

"Violence against women has reached hideous and pandemic proportions in some societies attempting to recover from conflict."

Ban Ki-moon | Secretary-General

Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon said "violence against women has reached hideous and pandemic proportions in some societies attempting to recover from conflict." He did not name any countries.

"Together, all of us need to strengthen our collective and individual response to it," Ban said. "This is essential if we are to reverse the damage done by conflict, and to build more inclusive, accountable and cohesive societies, underpinned by viable democratic institutions."

U.N. Undersecretary-General for Peacekeeping Jean-Marie Guehenno stressed the U.N.'s "zero tolerance" for sexual exploitation and abuse by its more than 80,000 peacekeeping troops.

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FOOTBALL

Browns shut Baxter down for season

Cleveland Browns defensive back Gary Baxter's attempt at an incredible comeback from torn patellas in both knees was put on hold until next season so he can fully recover from surgeries. **Page 9.**

COMING FRIDAY

The BG News football program

For in-depth information previewing Saturday's Family Weekend game against Ohio University at Doyt Perry Stadium.

ONLINE

The BG News sports blog

Be sure to check out the BG News sports blog for extra information on all of your favorite BG teams. <http://www.bgnewssports.blogspot.com>.

OUR CALL

Today in Sports History

1990—Evander Holyfield KO's Buster Douglas in three rounds to win the heavyweight title.

1973—San Francisco Giants trade Willie McCovey to the San Diego Padres for pitcher Mike Caldwell.

1964—Anton Geesink becomes the first non-Japanese Olympic judo gold medal winner.

1621—Governor Bradford of Plymouth colony disallows sports on Christmas Day.

The List

The World Series has started, and so far only one series has gone more than four games. Here are five reasons why this year's playoffs could be considered lackluster.

1. Short series: The Rockies swept both of their opponents, and the Red Sox and Indians each made pretty quick work of the Angels and Yankees.

2. Some big names eliminated: Guys MLB really promotes, like Derek Jeter, Ryan Howard and that dreamy Grady Sizemore, are all out of the playoffs.

3. Tim McCarver: As far as Fox broadcasters go, Joe Buck is tolerable to listen to, but McCarver's in-game observations can be completely ridiculous.

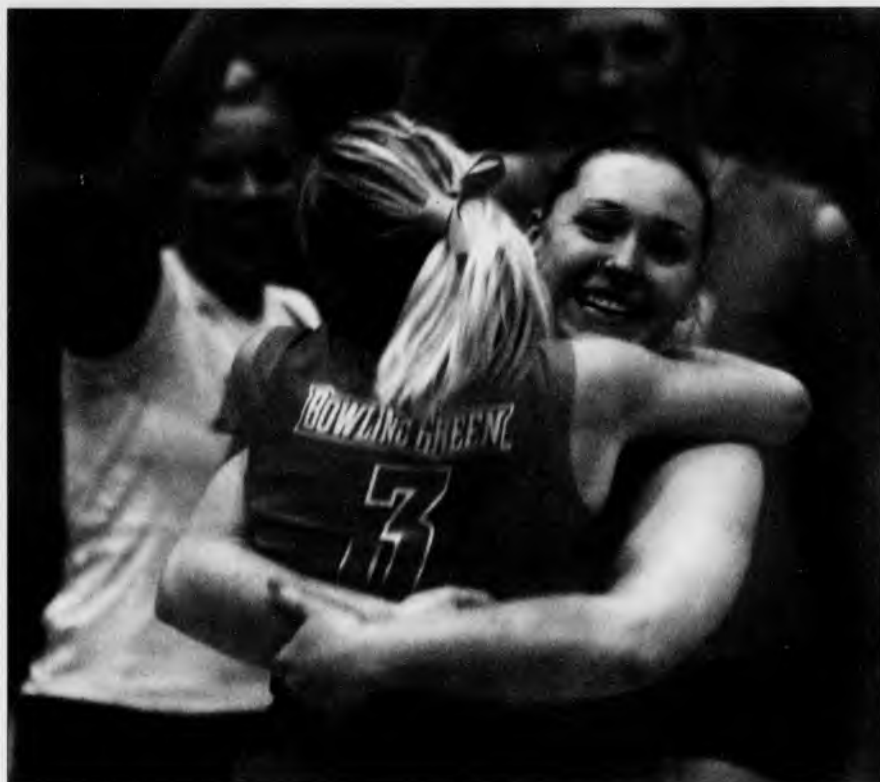
4. TBS

commentators: From Chip Caray to Craig Sager, these guys were all bandwagon jumpers with an East Coast bias that stood out more than their commentary.

5. Dane Cook

commercials: The commercials are way over-used, and come off as really annoying. Remember when Dane Cook was still funny?

Netters hang tough, beat Miami in four



BRIAN BORNHOEFT | THE BG NEWS

TIME TO CELEBRATE: Stephanie Swiger embraces her teammate Elizabeth Simon (3) after the volleyball team's win over Miami yesterday.

By Sean Shapiro
Reporter

Following a two-game road trip to Toledo and Ball State, BG returned home to Anderson Arena for a match between two of the hottest teams in the Mid-American Conference East.

BG, who had not lost in seven matches, at home or in October, faced the Miami Redhawks, a team that hadn't lost since September 20 when BG earned Coach Denise Van De Walle her 450th victory at Oxford, Ohio.

"This was huge, we've been talking about this for over a week. For tie-breaking purposes this was a must-win situation," Van De Walle said.

The Falcons proved who was the better team as they dealt with the Redhawks in four games, (30-27, 30-20, 20-30, 30-27) improving their record to 18-7, 9-2 in the MAC moving up over Miami with the win.

In game one Miami came out showing why it had won nine straight, swinging hard and jumping out to an early lead. BG was able to hang with Miami as it battled back to bring it within one at 15-16 on two kills by senior Stephanie Swiger and an ace by junior Meghan Mohr.

Miami would hold off BG for the next five points until two blocks by junior Kendra Halm gave them their first lead at 22-21. The Falcons then went on a 6-4 run to take a 28-25 lead. Miami wouldn't go away easily as they pulled the score to 29-27 only to see BG win the game on a Redhawk blocking error on Halm's attack.

In game two, BG came out dominant at the net led by Swiger and sophomore Corey Domek who combined for eight of BG's first 13 points. BG continued to swing hard as they pushed to an 18-9 lead causing Miami to call a timeout.

Following the timeout, BG continued to roll with a large thanks to junior Chelsey Meek who recorded two spectacular digs including one that dropped in Miami territory for a point. After a three-point Miami rally, BG pushed its lead to 29-20, then took a two-game lead on an attack error by Miami's Hallie Hanks.

After the break, the Redhawks started game three like they did in game one, taking an early 10-5 lead. BG couldn't stop Miami's run, leading to Van De Walle calling a timeout as BG trailed 7-14.

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Ruggers in the hunt for No. 27

BG rugby could win its 27th straight MAC title Saturday

By Chris Voloschuk
Assistant Sports Editor

With the fall season winding down, the BG club rugby team continues to rise.

In a season where 13 of their 30 games have been shutout wins, and with the best point differential in the nation (1,005 for to 194 against) the Falcons have earned a no. 11 ranking in the country, as of the most recent poll.

Last weekend, playoff-bound Grand Valley State came to town to play A, B and C-side games, with BG taking all three.

In the A-side game, BG ran away to a 79-10 win.

"With both of us heading into the playoffs, the [Grand Valley State vs. BG] game has become a traditional warm-up for both clubs on what would have been an off week," said coach Roger

Mazzarella.

"Grand Valley had victories over both Michigan State and Michigan and I expected a much closer game," he said.

For the game, fly half Nick Viviani led the Falcons in scoring with 24 points. He posted a try, a penalty field goal and eight conversion kicks. Viviani leads the team in scoring this year with 138 points.

Wing Ian Gagnon also had a hand in the scoring attack. He had three tries, all of which coming from 50 yards or further away.

Six other players would score for BG, as the rout was on from early in the game.

"[Grand Valley State] is one club that doesn't deserve to have us

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PHOTO PROVIDED BY BGSGU RUGBY

STOP ATTEMPT: BG eight man Rich Hines (with ball) takes a shot from a Grand Valley State defender. The Falcons won the match, 79-10.

Soccer takes down Detroit Mercy



TREVOR LEE | THE BG NEWS

KICKIN' IT: Alec Perea (11) and the BG men's soccer team beat Detroit Mercy yesterday to notch their first win in a month.

By Pete Schramm
Reporter

The BG men's soccer team defeated Detroit Mercy 2-1 yesterday, boosting its overall record to 4-9-3. Hunter Van Houten and Ryan Perea netted goals in the Falcons' final non-conference game of the season.

BG head coach Fred Thompson said he was impressed with his team's play, but noticed a few flaws as a result of his team's eagerness to get another win. "It was good to get a win," Thompson said.

"We created some great oppor-

tunities, and we had some very good plays, but there were a few times when we were just a little bit nervous."

The Falcons struck first in the match when Cameron Hepple found Van Houten in front of an empty net for a goal.

"The ball got played in to Cameron, and I just peeled off from the defender and he found me," Van Houten said. "I just put it in the net."

Throughout the rest of the first half, the Falcons dominated possession and were able to fire 13 shots compared to Detroit's three. After having a 1-0 lead

at halftime, Thompson started shuffling in more players from the bench to gain valuable playing time, and rest some of the starters.

"I played a few more people than usual, and I wanted to get a feel for where we are and what we have available for these last couple games," Thompson said. "I learned a few things, and I'm glad we got that result out of it."

With 15:39 left to play in the second half, Perea netted the Falcons' second goal of the game

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New, talented BG swimmers complement veterans

By Andrew Harner
Reporter

BG's 2007 swim team is chock-full of young, talented swimmers who complement the team's veterans very nicely.

Freshman Carrie Enright and sophomores Meg Richardson, Chelsea Lopus and Frankie Houck have all stepped up and played a big role for the Falcons this season.

"Even as a freshman, I still feel I have a pretty big role," Enright said. "I'm excited for what this year has for me."

Enright was an important piece to BG's recent success at the Tom Stubbs Relays by helping all five of her relay teams to victory. However, she has her biggest goals set ahead in the season.

"I really want to do well at the [Mid-American Conference championships] by making the finals," Enright said. "And a team goal is to make it to the NCAA championships."

Richardson brings the same approach as Enright does, hoping for the team and herself to do well at the MAC championships.

"I would like to be in the top-8 in all my events at the [MAC championships], and I would

like to win the 200-medley relay," Richardson said.

Richardson is well on her way to achieving that goal by swimming at faster times than she did all last season but she knows she has to have help from her teammates and is excited about what the future can bring to BG swimming.

"I think everyone is doing well, but I think it's awesome that we have so many younger girls that are swimming fast because that builds the future for our team," Richardson said.

At the Stubbs Relays, Richardson also helped five relays to win and is happy she can be on relays with Lopus and Houck who both contributed to four relay wins at the Stubbs meet.

The only other swimmers to be a part of three or more relay winners were juniors Alisha Yee with five and Sami Jordan with three.

Coach Keri Buff is excited about her current team's talent and is hoping to win a MAC championship within the next couple of years.

"One of the things about our freshman class is that they

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Simpson, three co-defendants will face new charges



JAE C. HONG | AP PHOTO

MORE TROUBLE: O.J. Simpson and three co-defendants were given new charges of felony coercion yesterday stemming from an alleged armed robbery over memorabilia.

By Ken Ritter
The Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — New charges of felony coercion were filed yesterday against O.J. Simpson and three co-defendants in the alleged armed robbery of two sports memorabilia dealers.

The revised complaint also drops charges against Walter Alexander and Charles Cashmore, who pleaded guilty Tuesday to reduced charges.

Alexander, Simpson's golfing buddy, and Cashmore, at times a day laborer, disc jockey and bartender, have agreed to testify at a preliminary hearing against the former football star and the other men who went to a Las Vegas casino hotel room on Sept. 13 to retrieve items that Simpson said belonged to him.

The memorabilia taken from the hotel room included football game balls signed by Simpson, Joe Montana lithographs, baseballs autographed by Pete Rose and Duke Snider, photos

of Simpson with the Heisman Trophy, and framed awards and plaques, together valued at as much as \$100,000, according to police reports.

The revised complaint increases to 12 the number of charges against Simpson, Clarence Stewart, Michael McClinton and Charles Ehrlich. The four are to appear for the preliminary hearing Nov. 8 on felonies — including kidnapping, armed robbery, assault with a deadly weapon, conspiracy and coercion — and one gross misdemeanor, conspiracy to commit a crime. A kidnapping conviction alone could result in a sentence of life in prison with parole.

The new coercion charges allege that the men threatened collectibles dealer Bruce Fromong and took his cell phone, while taking a baseball cap and sunglasses at gunpoint from memorabilia dealer Alfred

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Ambulance crew carrying marathon runner got lost



ANONYMOUS | AP PHOTO

DECEASED: The ambulance crew that was carrying Chad Schieber, a dying Chicago Marathon runner, got lost on the way to the UIC Medical Center on Oct. 7.

CHICAGO (AP) — The ambulance crew who picked up a dying runner during the Chicago Marathon apparently got lost on the way to a hospital, authorities said.

Chad Schieber collapsed while running the Oct. 7 race, and was about six blocks away from the University of Illinois at Chicago Medical Center. An autopsy blamed his death on a heart condition called mitral valve prolapse, though heart experts say the condition is rarely dangerous.

Schieber, 35, was picked up from the marathon route by an ambulance from Niles, one of 30 suburban crews called to help when hundreds of runners were stricken by that day's hot weather.

The crew radioed Chicago dispatchers Schieber was in full cardiac arrest and said they planned to take him to the UIC Medical Center, Chicago Fire Department spokesman Larry Langford said this week.

The ambulance crew drove a couple blocks in the wrong direction, then flagged down a city ambulance and got instructions, said Niles Fire Chief Barry Mueller. But then they drove past the UIC Medical Center because they couldn't find the emergency room entrance.

They ended up delivering

Schieber to the West Side Veterans Administration Hospital a few blocks away. The hospital is not part of Chicago's emergency response network but has a fully working emergency room, officials said.

Langford and Mueller could not say how long it took to take Schieber, a police officer from Midland, Mich., to the hospital or whether it would have helped Schieber if he had arrived sooner.

Krystn Madrine, Schieber's sister-in-law, said the family is waiting for more information.

"We want to see what happens," Madrine told The Associated Press yesterday. "We hope that something good will come of Chicago's discovering that they did not do a very good job."

Marathon officials declined to comment yesterday.

The lost ambulance was first reported Monday by WBBM-TV, which also said emergency dispatchers didn't have maps of marathon road closures. Dispatchers could be heard shouting over radios "We need maps! We have no maps down here," WBBM reported.

Mueller said the crew had asked dispatchers for directions but got no response.

"That's not unusual; the airwaves could be jammed," Mueller said.

VBALL

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Despite a kill by Halm on the ensuing play, Miami continued their strong play pushing their lead to 20-9. BG was able to make a push back going on a four-point run bringing the game to 20-28, only to have Miami take the game as the ball fell short of Meek on a dig attempt.

"They came out with a lot of intensity and started doing a lot of good things and we didn't really respond to it at first," Domek said.

The fourth game started as a back and forth battle as the teams found themselves in a 7-7 dead-

lock early. The Redhawks found their momentum from game four, taking an 18-13 lead. BG would start to come back as they went on a 3-0 run highlighted by Halm's eighth block of the night.

BG came back to tie the game at 22 and on the next play Swiger's kill gave BG their first lead since it was 3-2 early. After three side outs by each team and the score tied at 27, BG got a block from Halm, followed by a kill from Swiger. Then the deal was sealed on another Swiger kill.

"What was really big about the win was game four when we battled back and got that lead; Chelsey's defense, Domek and Swiger hitting as hard as they hit. I wanted match point to go to

"What was really big about the win was game four when we battled back and got that lead."

Denise Van De Walle | Coach

Swiger, she was on fire," Van De Walle said.

Statistically the Falcons were led by Swiger, Domek and Halm offensively, combining for 51 kills and 14 blocks. Defensively, Meek was once again BG's stalwart, recording 27 digs and even record-

ing a kill, her 17th of the season.

With only two home games remaining, BG has put itself in position to become the second team in history to run the table at home and the first since 1979.

"I think Anderson Arena is a tough place to come in and play. We have great fans, and the fans are on top of the other team all the time and they're going to be in your face if you make a mistake," Swiger said.

Following the win, BG heads west this weekend to play the MAC West Division leading Western Michigan Broncos. They then return home again the weekend of Nov. 3 to battle the only two teams to beat BG in MAC play this year, Kent and Ohio.

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RUGBY

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run up the score," Mazzarella said. "But with limited substitution in rugby, sometimes it's tough to turn off the offense once the boulder starts running downhill."

GVSU coach John Mullett was very impressed with how BG was able to take control of the game.

"BG is a great team," Mullett

said. "They represent where we want to eventually be. They represent the kind of commitment my own players need to make in order to reach that level on the field."

The B and C-sides won their games 39-14 and 12-0, respectively, and BG's record on the season now stands at 30-1.

On Saturday, Ohio University will be coming in to play the Falcons at the College Park Rugby Field in a game carrying one big implication—the

Mid-American Conference Championship. If BG wins, it will be their 27th straight title.

Both BG and OU have 6-0 in-conference records going in.

"We don't plan on doing anything different than we have been doing," Mazzarella said. "I think the fact that we have the best points differential in the country speaks volumes for both our offense as well as our defense."

The first match will begin at 1 p.m.

SOCCER

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using a tremendous display of hustle.

Perea chased down an entry pass from Van Houten, but his shot past the charging goalkeeper bounced off the right post. Fortunately, Perea hustled to recover the shot and tapped the ball into the empty net for a goal.

"I got by the goalie, and I was hoping for the easy pass in the goal, but I was just lucky I got the rebound," Perea said.

Just 39 seconds later, however, Detroit answered with a goal of its own. After BG goalkeeper Brent Petkus made a diving save to his right, the ball deflected back out to Detroit's Michel Jonca who fired a shot into the upper right corner of the net for a goal.

From there, the Falcons and Titans played evenly with each seeing a number of scoring opportunities. Fortunately for the Falcons, solid play from the defense and goalkeeper helped the team hang on for the victory.

The win is the first in over a month for the Falcons, and it comes at the right time as the team is preparing to finish off the regular season with two important conference games. Van Houten said it was nice to finally get another win



TREVOR LEE | THE BG NEWS
VICTORY: Members of the men's soccer team celebrate during their win yesterday.

under their belt heading into the final two regular season games.

"It feels good. We needed some momentum going into the next couple games," he said. "It's nice to win one at home."

The team is still in position to earn a home play-in game for the Mid-American Conference Tournament, but it needs to win both games to close out the season to better those chances. Yesterday's game helped serve as a test for the team to help prepare for the two most important games so far this season.

SWIM

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come in and they're fast, but they also have a lot to learn," Buff said. "I feel lucky to be able to work with them."

"New people that come out and make your team better is what you look for as a coach," she said.

But it's more than coaching and hard work that makes a swimming team perform. Buff said a lot of success is helped by her veteran swimmer's leadership, staff, strength coaches and academics coaches.

"We have one of the best staffs in the conference," Buff said. "We want to see people who come here, work hard and love swimming."

And this year's recruitment process looks to bringing in that type of swimmers. Called "awesome" by Buff, this year's recruiting class includes the first senior national swimmer to ever commit to BG.

The Falcons will be losing seven seniors at the end of the season, and Buff said that this kind of replacement, while not always easy, is essential to the continuing success of the program.

"The goal every year recruiting-wise is to replace the people that you are losing with people that are a little bit faster than them, which is sometimes hard to do," Buff said.

O.J.

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Beardsley.

Conviction on felony coercion carries a sentence of up to six years in prison.

Ehrlich's lawyer, John Moran Jr., complained yesterday that the revised complaint contained wholesale changes in prosecutors' theories of the crimes and was filed so late it put defense lawyers at a disadvantage.

"It violates due process and fair play for us, this far down the road with the preliminary hearing set," Moran said.

Simpson's lawyer, Yale Galanter, said his client "is not guilty and we continue to say he is not guilty of any crime." Galanter added that he looked forward to cross-examining Alexander and Cashmore.

"[My client] is not guilty and we continue to say he is not guilty of any crime."

Yale Galanter | Simpson's lawyer

Stewart's lawyer, Jose Pallares, denied allegations in the revised complaint that Simpson and Stewart conspired to persuade the others to tell authorities that no guns were used in the confrontation.

According to their lawyers and police reports, Alexander and Cashmore can testify that guns were brought to the Palace Station casino hotel room. Simpson, who lives in Miami, has maintained no

guns were involved and he did not tell anyone to bring guns.

The complaint names Thomas Riccio, who is not charged in the case, and describes the role the California collectibles broker played in arranging the meeting between Simpson, Fromong and Beardsley.

Riccio's lawyer, Ryan Okabe of Redondo Beach, Calif., said Clark County District Attorney David Roger has promised Riccio immunity from prosecution. Riccio also has provided authorities with an audio tape he said he recorded during the encounter.

Riccio, Cashmore and Alexander are expected to be key witnesses for the prosecution at the preliminary hearing, when Justice of the Peace Joe M. Bonaventure will decide whether there is enough evidence to send the case to trial in state court.

Browns shut down Baxter for rest of season

By Tom Withers
The Associated Press

BEREA, Ohio — Gary Baxter finally spent an Oct. 24 upright, anesthesia-free and not eating hospital food.

His amazing comeback is on hold, but Baxter had plenty to be thankful for on a date that has haunted him.

While deeply disappointed, Cleveland's cornerback was upbeat yesterday, one day after his courageous fight to overcome two freak knee injuries ended for this season when the Browns placed him on injured reserve.

"I just ran out of time," he said.

Standing in front of his locker, Baxter looked up at a clock on the wall and noted when times were much tougher for the 28-year-old, who horrifically tore both patellar tendons on the same play against the Denver Broncos last Oct. 22.

Two days later, he had surgery to repair both knees and spent 61 more days in the Cleveland Clinic.

One year earlier — also on



RON SCHWANE | AP PHOTO

OUCH: Gary Baxter shows frustration after injuring his knees in Denver last season.

Oct. 24 — he had an operation to fix a torn pectoral muscle.

"A year ago, I was really low," he said. "I was in pain right now around this time. Two years ago, on this same date, same time, everything, I was coming out of

surgery. Today, I'm good."

Baxter then smiled.

"I'm going to go home and get into bed," he said. "I'm going to drive slow. I'm going to make sure I'm not in the hospital again."

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Rice: Mideast peace in jeopardy

By Anne Flaherty
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice said yesterday that a "two-state solution" in the Middle East was in jeopardy and described a narrow window of opportunity to push Israel and the Palestinians toward peace.

In a House hearing interrupted by anti-war protesters, Rice said an upcoming peace conference in Annapolis, Md., is needed to give hope to moderate Palestinian forces. She blamed Iran for fanning flames in the region, including what she called "troubling" new support for Hamas militants.

"Our concern is growing that without a serious political prospect for the Palestinians that gives to moderate leaders a horizon that they can show to their people that indeed there is

"Our concern is growing ... we will lose the window for a two-state solution."

Condoleezza Rice | Secretary of State

a two-state solution that is possible, we will lose the window for a two-state solution," Rice said.

Rice's testimony was punctuated by Iraq war protesters. As Rice entered the hearing room, one woman rushed toward her and waved her hands — painted blood red — in front of the secretary's face. The protester shouted that Rice was a "war criminal" and should be taken to The Hague, home of an international war crimes tribunal.

Rice was stoic and continued with her business as the

protester was removed. Others were likewise escorted away at the behest of Rep. Tom Lantos, chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee.

Despite the protesters' effort to focus on the war, the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and Iran dominated the hearing. Lantos, D-Calif., asked whether the Bush administration was doing enough to pressure Egypt to crack down on Hamas sympathizers and whether Bush was calling for the peace conference to salvage his political legacy.

Rice dismissed suggestions that the conference was a political ploy.

"There are probably easier foreign policy tasks to take on than the Israeli-Palestinian conflict," she said. "The timing comes down to what it is we need to do to give moderate forces in the region a boost and to deal a blow to forces of extremism."



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MIDDLE EAST: Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, right, is confronted by CodePink member Desiree Anita Ali-Fairooz during a House hearing yesterday where Rice spoke about the diminishing opportunity for peace in the Israeli and Palestinian conflict.

ORGANS

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reasons why people don't donate their organs is because they don't understand the process.

The group wants to let people know that their parts can go on, he said.

"There's a recipient list that's a mile long," he said. "Putting the parts in a box and burying them in the ground doesn't make much sense."

Donation can improve the quality of life for a number of people. Bone, skin and corneas can all come from one person, along with tissue, tendons, ligaments, arteries, veins and bone marrow, including the six

"I figure I don't need my organs when I'm gone, and someone else will ... use them."

Kelsey Manor | Students for Organ Donation Member

main organs.

The most needed organ is the kidney, Greenwald said. Older people who have diabetes can ruin their kidneys if they don't get it taken care of regularly, and younger people can donate for the older generation. Likewise, older people can donate as well.

There is also a need for infant donors, Greenwald said. Age doesn't matter when it comes to donation.

Science is also currently experimenting with hand

transplants.

"It seems like science fiction, but it's pretty much what we talk about," she said.

But Greenwald also said it's important for students to talk to their family about registering. Though it is fairly common for college-age people to be organ donors, they rarely speak to others about it.

"It's not something that they think about, and it's not something they talk to family members about," Greenwald said.

Senior Laura Hoesman is an

organ donor, and said, "Well, I figure if I'm dead, and other people will die if they don't have my organs, then it makes sense to give them away. I'm not using them anymore."

Most members of Students for Organ Donation are pre-nursing, pre-med or other science-oriented majors, but anyone is welcome.

"When we talk about why we joined, people have really different stories," Greenwald said.

Junior Kelsey Manor, a member of the organization, said, "I figure I don't need my organs when I'm gone, and someone else will be able to use them," but that it should also be an individual decision. "If you're not comfortable, you shouldn't," she said.

Security chief resigns

By Matthew Lee
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The State Department's embattled security chief resigned yesterday as the scandal over last month's deadly Blackwater USA shooting of 17 Iraqis in Baghdad claimed its first political casualty.

The resignation came amid growing questions about the use of private contractors to protect diplomats in Iraq.

Richard Griffin, the assistant secretary of state for the Bureau of Diplomatic Security, made no mention of the furor in his

resignation letter to President Bush and Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice.

But his decision to step down came at a time when the department is facing withering Iraqi and congressional criticism for its security practices.

It also followed the release of a report commissioned by Rice that found serious lapses in the department's oversight of private guards, who are employed by Griffin's bureau and report to it.

Rice accepted the resignation, which is effective Nov. 1, State Department spokesman Sean McCormack said.

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Caged chickens may be on the way out

Restaurants move toward cage-free egg market in support of better animal welfare

By James Hannah
The Associated Press

FORT RECOVERY, Ohio — The 13,000 hens in a western Ohio barn roam the floor, spread their wings and duck into nest boxes covered by red plastic flaps to give them a dark area that encourages egg-laying.

Three months earlier the barn held nearly four times as many chickens, but they were confined to small wire cages stacked on top of each other.

Egg farms are increasing their production of cage-free eggs — spending hundreds of thousands of dollars to convert barns by tearing out cages, installing new floors, reconfiguring feed and water lines, and changing ventilation systems.

"It's a growing market," said Jerry Knapke, operations manager for Fort Recovery Equity, the nation's ninth-largest egg producer. "We see a slow, steady growth."

Knapke doesn't expect cage-free to ever make up the majority of egg production. However, he projects that 5 percent of the 6.5 million birds raised by the company's 60 contract farms will be cage-free within the next six months.



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EGG TIME: Jerry Knapke of Fort Recovery Equity, Inc. shows nest boxes inside a new open-cage chicken facility in Fort Recovery, Ohio. The nest boxes are covered by red plastic flaps to give them a dark area that encourages egg-laying.

The United Egg Producers estimates that about 5 percent of U.S. egg production is now cage-free or organic, up from 2 percent three years ago. Organic eggs are produced by cage-free chickens that have access to the outdoors and are fed only organic feed.

Burger King began asking its suppliers for cage-free eggs in March and hopes they account for at least 2 percent of the restaurant chain's egg volume by the end of the year. The Hardee's and Carl's Jr. fast-food chains said in September they will begin purchasing cage-free eggs and plan to have them account for 2

percent of their egg purchases by July.

The companies said the move is in support of better animal welfare.

Gene Gregory, president of the United Egg Producers, said some producers are beginning to raise cage-free eggs in part because retailers and restaurants want to offer consumers a choice.

He said retailers have told him they've been intimidated by animal-rights activists, who stage demonstrations, take out full-page newspaper ads and pressure the companies to buy cage-free eggs.

Climate report missing data

By H. Josef Herbert
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The White House significantly edited testimony prepared for a Senate hearing on the impact of climate change on health, deleting key portions citing diseases that could flourish in a warmer climate, documents obtained by The Associated Press showed yesterday.

The White House on yesterday denied that it had "watered down" the congressional testimony that Dr. Julie Gerberding, director of Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, had given the day before to the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee.

But a draft of the testimony submitted for White House review shows that six pages of details about specific disease and other health problems that might flourish if the Earth warms were not delivered at the hearing.

Gerberding yesterday downplayed the significance of the changes made in her prepared text saying she never felt she was being censored and that she was free to go beyond her text — and did when testifying. "I was absolutely happy with my testimony in Congress. We finally had a chance to go and say what we thought was important," she said at a luncheon

appearance in Atlanta.

Later, she added, "I don't let people put words in my mouth and I stand for science."

The draft noted that "scientific evidence supports the view that the earth's climate is changing" and that many groups are working to address climate change. "Despite this extensive activity, the public health effects of climate change remain largely unaddressed. CDC considers climate change a serious public health concern," the draft declares.

That paragraph was not in Gerberding's text as approved by the White House.

The draft document was obtained yesterday by The Associated Press from a source other than the CDC, the Atlanta-based agency considered the government's premier disease tracking and monitoring agency.

Two people familiar with the documents told the AP on Tuesday, after the Senate hearing, that the White House Office of Management and Budget edited the CDC director's congressional testimony, removing specific scientific references to potential health risks.

Gerberding told a Senate hearing on Tuesday that climate change "is anticipated to have a broad range of impacts on the health of



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Americans."

But her prepared testimony was devoted almost entirely to the CDC's preparation, with few details on what effects climate change could have on the spread of disease. The prepared remarks covered six pages. The draft submitted for OMB was twice as long.

Referring to the draft, one CDC official familiar with both versions, who spoke on condition of anonymity because of the sensitive nature of the review process, said that "it was eviscerated."

White House press secretary Dana Perino said the prepared testimony went through an inter-agency review process and the Office of Science and Technology Policy did not believe that the science in the testimony matched the science that was in a report by the International Panel on Climate Change.

Fossils may prove rising sea temperatures lead to extinction

By Seth Borenstein
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Whenever the world's tropical seas warm several degrees, Earth has experienced mass extinctions over millions of years, according to a first-of-its-kind statistical study of fossil records.

And scientists fear it may be about to happen again — but in a matter of several decades, not tens of millions of years.

Four of the five major extinctions over 520 million years of Earth history have been linked to warmer tropical seas, something that indicates a warmer world overall, according to the new study published yesterday.

"We found that over the fossil record as a whole, the higher the temperatures have been, the higher the extinctions have been," said University of York ecologist Peter Mayhew, the co-author of the peer-reviewed research published in the Proceedings of the Royal Society B, a British journal.

Earth is on track to hit that same level of extinction-connected warming in about 100 years, unless greenhouse gas emissions are curbed, according to top scientists.

A second study, to be presented

"The higher the temperatures have been, the higher the extinctions have been."

Peter Mayhew | Ecologist

at a scientific convention Sunday, links high carbon dioxide levels, the chief man-made gas responsible for global warming, to past extinctions.

In the British study, Mayhew and his colleagues looked at temperatures in 10 million-year chunks because fossil records aren't that precise in time measurements. They then compared those to the number of species, the number of species families, and overall biodiversity. They found more biodiversity with lower temperatures and more species dying with higher temperatures.

The researchers examined tropical sea temperatures — the only ones that can be determined from fossil records and go back hundreds of millions of years. The Earth is warming from its current colder period.

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NEW LOOK: See-through sound walls located on Interstate 71 are shown in Cleveland. In a twist to the brooding look of sound walls that increasingly line highways, U.S. transportation planners are turning to the more livable see-through sound walls that are common in Europe.

New drug laws could backfire

COLUMBUS (AP)—Legislation that would bring penalties for offenses involving powder cocaine in line with those involving crack cocaine could backfire and lead to greater prison populations, an association of defense attorneys said.

A bill that passed the state Senate with unanimous support Tuesday imposes stiffer penalties for possession and trafficking of powder cocaine, bringing sentencing guidelines to the same level as those involving crack cocaine.

The original penalties imposed on offenders with crack cocaine were racially discriminatory, said state Sen. Ray Miller, the bill's sponsor.

The use of crack cocaine is largely based in poor and minority areas, and powder cocaine users are often white,

he said.

The bill's passage came because lawmakers now have a broader understanding that drug problems in Ohio extend beyond city street corners, Miller said.

"We've got a growing problem in our rural areas of the state, and many of these members are well aware of the problem," said Miller, a Columbus Democrat. Ohio is one of about 12 states that has disparities in sentencing for crack and powder cocaine, said Allison Lawrence, a policy associate with the National Conference of State Legislatures.

A person caught with only 25 grams of crack can be convicted of a first-degree felony, while it requires at least 500 grams of powder cocaine to face the same sanctions.

Kroger seeks to stop tobacco sales to minors

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The deal is the 11th such agreement produced by a multistate effort, Dann's office said. Previous agreements cover 7-Eleven, CVS, Wal-Mart, Walgreens and Rite Aid stores, as well as gas stations operated by Conoco, Exxon, Mobil and others.

State laws prohibit tobacco sales to minors. The agreements with retailers are intended to incorporate "best practices" developed by researchers and federal tobacco control officials, Dann's office said.

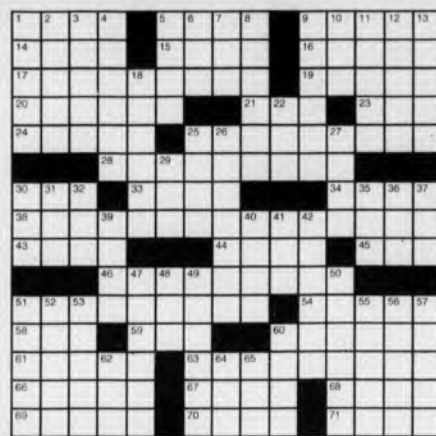
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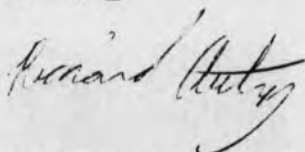
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Letter from the Editor:

Hello, my name is Richard Rashad Autry and I would like to introduce myself to the campus of Bowling Green State University and the communities surrounding the campus. I am honored to be this year's editor-in-chief and hope my vision for BGSU's multicultural magazine will be well received by many. My main goal for this year is to bridge the gap between college and the multicultural communities surrounding BGSU. I know The Obsidian is a campus publication dedicated to giving recognition to students of cultural backgrounds, but I would like to go further than that. I am from Toledo and I have a special connection to its black community and I would like to create a link. Too often many students forget where they come from. Both communities on and off campus share a similar bond in what they lack in society... a voice. With The Obsidian as a viable resource, I feel it is my duty to provide that voice. And I will provide that voice; not just in English, but in Spanish, Cherokee, Arabic, Swahili, and any other muted voice in this world. As I provide that voice, The Obsidian will become the translator that will establish the unity we need to correct all the wrongs society has imposed on us.

Many of you are aware of the events that transpired concerning the Jena Six. I would like to stress to all readers of this magazine that racial injustice did not start with the Jena Six nor will it end with the Jena Six. Many individuals feel equality was reached during the Civil Rights Movement of the 1960s. The Civil Rights Movement did not completely fix all issues concerning people of color. There were some policies enacted that caused the movement to lose steam, hence allowing some individuals to become content with their situation. Inevitably, the "v" and "e" was taken out of "Movement," thus causing it to be a moment in our history. Now it's up to this generation to put the "v" and "e" back where it belongs. Hopefully, this issue will aid in sparking the brain that will lead the nation into a new era of racial equality. 



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If another civil rights movement were to occur today, what issues would it focus on?

CAMPUS VIEW



JOSEPH SMITH
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"They should try to really break down walls, making sure there is equality for jobs, college scholarships, etc. There are open doors but they have chains on them."



JORDAN ARCHER
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"They should focus on how black people divide themselves; discrimination exists within the black community. They are constantly finding ways to self-defeat themselves."



STARMISHA PAGE
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"Education. The curriculum is not being taught and students are not receiving the right supplies necessary for standardized testing that the states mandate."



JESHAUNE JACKSON
Junior, Pre-Medicine

"Music. The youth getting guidance from music; yet there is not enough positive mentorship."

COMMUNITY VIEW



JAMES GRAY:
"Equal rights in the work community. And I'm not talking about the McDonald's or Burger King corporations. We need access to the good jobs. We also need more black businesses. We do not have confidence in ourselves and when we do have our own businesses, we do not support each other. We don't support ourselves, but we will support other groups of people."



DOMINIQUE:
"We have to focus on the police and why they treat Black people different. Not just the police...the whole judicial system. I feel my brother was wrongly imprisoned. We also have to look at the employment problem."



ROBERT MUNN:
"It would be the war we got going on right now."



JUNIOR WIGGINS:
"Racism man. It's still here. Ain't nothing changed. There are also inequalities in employment. They'll put you on a wait list and never call you back. Employers will give their friends' jobs, but won't

INTERNET LEVELING PLAYING FIELD?

RICHARD AUTRY
Editor-in-Chief

Is the internet leveling the playing field in the representation of people of color in the media? The Jena Six took some time to gain national spot light. **The nooses were hung in Jena, LA on September 1, 2006. This action set off a chain of events that led to the harsh sentencing of six black students who beat up a white student. As one can see, these events were going on in this little town behind the backs of all Americans.** Was it that CNN received a tip on what was going on in Jena, Louisiana? No, it took the efforts of many people, primarily college students, sending the information all across America through web.

The reason college students were so vital in the spreading of this information is because they are exposed to so many resources. In college, a student is surrounded by internet access. One does not even need to go to a computer lab to access the internet due wireless connectivity

being readily available to so many students. Various forms of web brought this injustice to light, such as email and weblog. **Many individuals learned of the Jena situation through word of mouth attributed to various blogging sites, including Myspace and Facebook.**

Latisha Edwards, a second year student majoring in Psychology, said she heard about the Jena Six as a result of word of mouth. "My friend Mary found out about the situation through Facebook and told me about it," said Edwards. Jarrhette Burke, a freshman majoring in digital arts, learned of this prejudice through email. Now that we are in this new era many have dubbed the "digital age," can we expect more injustices to come to light?

As Al Sharpton said, "You wait 'til we go to D.C. and bring the whole country, because there's Jenas all over America." This is not the first incident of racial injustice going on in America and it sure will not be the last. It just so happens that this incident by the Grace of God was heard all around the world. People of color should not let incidences of this caliber stop with

the Jena Six. Everyone should report injustices. If news outlets will not listen, create your own news outlet in the form of a blog. There are millions of people in cyber space. Someone will be bound

to listen and it may catch the eye of someone who has resources to bring the injustice to national spotlight. **As Al Sharpton said, let's let it be known of the Jenas in our communities.**

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JENA SIX UPROAR

Internet does what media won't

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INTERNET SITES SUCH AS YOUTUBE MAKE IT POSSIBLE FOR CRIES OF INJUSTICE TO BE HEARD

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2005

Hate March stirs uproar from Toledo community



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RICHARD AUTRY
Editor-in-Chief

If one were to walk down Stickney avenue (or "Da Ave" as some residents would call it) in North Toledo, one would not believe that a riot ensued in this neighborhood two years ago. Children playing, music blasting through car stereos, friends relaxing on porches, teenage boys shadow boxing or playing a game of basketball at nearby Wilson Park would describe a scene on a typical day in this neighborhood. But let's take a trip back in time to Saturday, October 15, 2005. Here, the scene drastically changes. At least 14 members of the Nationalist Socialist Movement turned an entire city upside down in their apparent attempt to lead a hate march. In a chaotic four-hour scene to follow, a mob of 600 rioters looted a gas station and bar, engaged in a violent confrontation with police, and pelted cars with rocks. The end result: more than 120 rioters arrested (no members of NSM were arrested), a damaged city, as well as a damaged community.

Many defendants in the crime were given lighter sentences in exchange for plea bargains. Community leaders enacted a local petition campaign, which aided in sparing some juveniles from adult sentences. But not all. **Olajadai Crenshaw, who was 17-years-old at the time of the riot, was tried as an adult and sentenced to 8 years in prison for allegedly looting and setting fire to a bar.** Lassandra Burrwell, wife and mother of nine, allegedly threw a brick through the windshield of a police cruiser and was sentenced to 5 years in prison. More recently, Donnell Summers accepted a plea deal misdemeanor charge of "riot" after a near two year long battle with the Toledo judicial system to overturn a felony count of Aggravated Riot. A felony, in Summers' eyes, was synonymous with being branded with a scarlet letter. He also hoped to volunteer as a little league baseball coach, which would have been impossible with a felony conviction. Though Summers accepted a misdemeanor charge, he was sentenced to 3 months work release, and 3 years probation with a 6 month suspended prison sentence.

Now let's fast forward to the present. Olajadai Crenshaw has served two years in prison to date. According to Infoshop News, Donnell Summers is currently a fugitive after he walked out of his work release facility and didn't

TOLEDO RIOTS AFTERMATH: 2 YEARS LATER



NORTH TOLEDO RESIDENTS IN PROTEST OF THE NATIONAL SOCIALISTS MOVEMENT (NSM) FACE OFF WITH TOLEDO POLICE

return. It further states Summers is engaging in a risky act of non-violent civil disobedience to give a new jolt of publicity to the plight of the African American community in Toledo. **But amid the thousands of dollars the riots generated through the judicial system, the bad reputation Toledo earned, riot footage replayed constantly on YouTube, the worsening of relations between residents and police, this North Toledo community still have questions they need answered.**

What factors played a role in the neo-Nazis coming to Toledo?

The media had reports that Thomas Szych, a white resident of North Toledo, contacted NSM due to conflict with black gangs. According to the Toledo Blade, a quarrel between Szych and his neighbor, a black woman, over a fence was the cause behind the planned neo-Nazi march. The concept of a racial conflict provided the theme for the Toledo neo-Nazi march. But Tony Newson, a resident of North Toledo, begs to differ. **"I have lived in this community 7 years and have never in my time here seen any racial conflict," said Newson.** "Everybody gets along."

External factors, such as the

media and mayoral office, may have played a crucial role in the Nazis' impact on the North Toledo community. Tony Newson, along with two other North Toledo residents Josh Newson and Richard Huggins, believe the media played a huge role in hyping the infamous event that occurred on a beautiful sunny day two years ago. Clyde Hughes, a reporter who covered the riot, says, **"Sure, the media played a part in the large crowd turnout and probably the intensity of the crowd, but to be honest, as a journalist, I don't know what we could have done differently.** An event like that could not have been ignored by the media, print or electronic." The Nationalist Socialist Movement was very strategic with using the media to their advantage. Though NSM's ideals and values may be simplistic, many would find their plan of using the media to their advantage quite ingenious. "I believed NSM played a little gamesmanship with the media by refusing day by day to disclose its route and other information after promising to do so, leading us to write additional stories about the march we would not have written," said Hughes. "That was a clever move by them to manipulate the publicity. In fact, there were things our police reporter was picking up on the streets that we decided not

to report on because we felt it would add fuel to an intense situation, so I think in some ways we showed good restraint in our newspaper coverage and I think a review of our stories would bare that out. I can't say the same for television reports."

Why were neo-Nazis allowed to march through a residential community?

Many residents found themselves in disbelief upon learning that a hate march would take place in their community. **The neo-Nazis can be seen as the epitome of blatant racism.** This racist psychological mindset is the cause behind the deaths of millions of individuals in WWII and hate crimes occurring in the present. The NSM's presence in their community would seemingly spark unrest. **Jack Ford, who was mayor at the time, said, "No one thought the protest would get out of hand. We expected some rock throwing, but nothing like a full out riot."** Hughes is indecisive on the argument. "It's a tough call. Other cities handled it by giving them space in a public square, like what happened the second time the group visited in December." Ford believes that as American citizens, the neo-Nazis are entitled to free speech. "First Amendment gives you the right

to free speech," he said. **"If we would have denied them their right to march, we would have been infringing on their rights."** Ford further elaborates this notion by saying **if one were to deny neo-Nazis the right to march in a residential area, then one would be denying the whole civil rights movement where marching was essential in securing civil rights.**

Josh Newson is leery of the whole situation because he feels there are inequalities present. A musician during this time wanted to perform a video in the Toledo, but was denied a permit to do so. **"Lyfe Jennings wanted to do a video here, but the city would not grant him a permit. Our city denies someone who wants to provide positive energy for our community, but grants some people a permit whose intentions are negative?"**

Should the community have had a say in who could march in their neighborhood?

Many people are angered they were left out of the discussion on who can be invited inside their back yard; after all, they are tax paying citizens of their community. To add insult to injury, many residents feel betrayed their city offered police protection to the 14 NSM members. **"My tax dollars provided their protection,"** said Tony Newson. Ford says protection must be provided for those who lead a march. **"When you have free speech you have to protect people who are marching,"** he said. **"They could use the 'due diligence' clause and sue the city if we didn't provide them with protection if something were to happen to them."** Hughes agrees that police protection was necessary. **"Given the reaction this group draws, the police protection was appropriate. Without police protection and injury to the protesters, the police would have been drawn into the situation regardless and would have had less control,"** he said. **"Of course, police and the mayor miscalculated how little control they would have allowing the Neo-Nazis to march in the streets and it all unraveled very quickly. I know we in the media didn't give a lot of thought to the counter-demonstrators, who proved just as fervent as the Neo-Nazis in their protest and quickly made for a bad situation."** Community residents were not denying the neo-Nazis the right to receive police protection, but felt it would have been more appropriate and safe for the march to be held downtown. **"The mayor should have done more to prevent the march from**



(PICTURES TO THE LEFT: RESIDENTS FROM "OUT STICKNEY") THERE IS MORE THAN MEETS THE EYE WHEN IT COMES TO THIS NORTH TOLEDO NEIGHBORHOOD. THE SCENERAY MAY APPEAR THE SAME, BUT QUESTIONS STILL LINGER FOR ITS RESIDENTS CONCERNING OCTOBER 15, 2005.

happening in the neighborhood," said Newson. **"I could see if the march was held downtown like it was when they came back a second time."** In 1994, the Ku Klux Klan demonstrated at the Lucas County courthouse. Due their presence downtown, there was not much of a mass confusion. When comparing the two neo-Nazi rallies that took place within the city of Toledo, one would notice a vast difference. **In the second rally, which took place in December 2005 at the Government Center Building in downtown Toledo, slightly less than 30 individuals were arrested compared to the more than 120 individuals arrested in October 2005.**

How far can one take the freedom of speech clause?

Freedom of speech is arguably America's most important Amendment in the Constitution. The question on some African Americans' mind is if they would be allowed to lead a hate march in a majority white neighborhood. Many feel it would be near impossible to garner a permit and police protection to do this. **Josh Newson argues, "I know for one thing: if I gathered a racist black group to Ottawa Hills, they lock my ass up!"** Jack Ford thinks otherwise. **"If one wanted to march in Ottawa Hills or Perrysburg, they should have that right."** He says a group would have to negoti-

ate with city officials on a variety of factors. If a city were to deny one the right to march, one could sue for infringement of rights. NSM applied for a permit march two weeks prior to the march. **When asked if a street gang from one territory would be able to acquire a permit and get police protection to march in another street gang's territory, Ford replied, "I doubt anyone would give a street gang a permit to march. That would come close to incitement."** Ford continued to say people are more fearful of gangs than they are of neo-Nazis and a riot would undoubtedly erupt. The First Amendment guarantees Americans the right to assemble peaceably. There are restrictions on speech that many would characterize as attacks on freedom of speech. **Hate speech is restricted if it is defamatory or causes incitement to violence.** In a previous interview with the Toledo Blade, Bill White, spokesman for the NSM, commented that it did not want to "kill" minorities—"We just want them to be removed from our country."

Who lost in the end?

Bill White was quoted as bragging that his group put more blacks in jail than the Toledo Police Department did in an entire year. This statement would send shivers down anyone's backs, no matter their ethnic background. Tony Newson says, **"It's hard to ignore**

racist white people, but then again we ended up hurting ourselves. That day, I saw people being taken by the bus loads." Ford believes the city of Toledo was negatively affected. **"Toledo earned a bad reputation from the riots,"** said Ford. **But at whose expense?** A community is still wounded from this incident and has yet to receive medical attention. October 15, 2005 affected many individuals' lives both directly and indirectly. Even Googling "North Toledo" brings up instant painful search results. As mentioned earlier some people are doing serious time for their actions. Some individuals are branded with the one thing Donnell Summers feared... a scarlet letter in the form of a felony. **A trap was set for residents in this community and many people fell right in... head first. For NSM, mission was accomplished. Many would argue that the city government brought the wood and the media was the gasoline, whereas the North Toledo community was the match that only needed to be sparked.** Though these very simple ingredients plague people of color (many times indirectly) throughout the U.S. 24/7 365 days a year, one must not allow another to control them mentally. Clyde Hughes wisely articulates, **"Sometimes one has to show constraint in not allowing that match to be lit."**

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Bill White, spokesman for the NSM, commented that it did not want to "kill" minorities—"We just want them to be removed from our country."

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1998

JAMES BYRD, JR.
On June 7, 1998, three men beat Byrd, 49, behind a convenience store, tied him to their pickup truck with a chain tied around his waist, and dragged him about one kilometer. Although one of the assailants claimed that Byrd's throat had been slashed before he was dragged, forensic evidence suggests that Byrd had been attempting to keep his head up, and an autopsy suggested that Byrd was alive for much of the dragging and died only after his right arm and head were severed when his body hit a culvert. His body had caught a sewage drain on the side of the road and severely torn his head off of the rest of his body.



2005

JEFFREY TURNER
Jeffrey Turner was a black man who died after police shocked him with a Taser in Toledo, Ohio in January 2005. He was arrested for loitering and he was then accused of resisting arrest. Police shocked him with Taser guns nine times, and Turner died in jail.

2000

PATRICK DORISMOND
Father of two children and off-duty security guard was killed by an undercover New York Police Department officer on the early morning of March 16, 2000.



2005

GENARLOW WILSON
A jury in 2005 found Wilson guilty of aggravated child molestation for having oral sex with a 15-year-old girl during a 2003 New Year's Eve party involving alcohol and marijuana. Although the sex act was consensual, it was illegal under Georgia law. Wilson currently sits in a prison cell.



2005

DONNELL SUMMERS
North Toledo native was arrested on October 15th, 2005 while protesting the Neo-Nazi presence in the neighborhood of Lagrange. He was sentenced to 3 months work release, and 3 years probation with a 6 month suspended prison sentence. This was for a misdemeanor conviction of riot. According to Info Shop News, Donnell walked out of his work release facility and did not return. He hopes to use his status as a fugitive to give a new jolt of publicity to the plight of the African American community in Toledo.



2005

ROBERT DAVIS
Is a retired elementary school teacher and resident of New Orleans who was beaten by four police officers during his October 9, 2005 arrest, which was filmed by the members of the Associated Press.



2006

SHAQUANDA COTTON
A 14-year-old black freshman who shoved a hall monitor at Paris High School in a dispute over entering the building before the school day had officially begun and was sentenced to 7 years in prison. She had no prior arrest record, and the hall monitor—a 58-year-old teacher's aide—was not seriously injured. She was tried in March 2006 in the town's juvenile court, convicted of "assault on a public servant" and sentenced by Lamar County Judge Chuck Superville to prison for up to 7 years, until she turn 21. Just three months earlier, Superville sentenced a 14-year-old white girl, convicted of arson for burning down her family's house, to probation.



2006

KATHRYN JOHNSTON
An elderly Atlanta, Georgia woman shot and killed by three undercover police in her home on November 21, 2006. She opened fire on the officers after they pried off burglar bars and broke down her door using a no knock warrant. The police officers fired a total of 39 shots, six of which hit Johnston. In an attempt to justify the no-knock warrant, the Atlanta Police Department initially claimed that the police were searching for drug dealers after a police informant was said to have bought crack cocaine at Johnston's home earlier in the day. However, both a federal and state investigation revealed that this was untrue.



2006

MARTIN LEE ANDERSON, a 14-year-old boy in boot camp, died January 6, 2006, a day after drill instructors grabbed Anderson and applied numerous uses of force, including holding Anderson by the arms, take-downs, pressure point applications, and covering his mouth while forcing him to inhale ammonia. Anderson became unresponsive during this episode, and eventually died the next day in Pensacola, Florida. On October 12, 2007, seven former boot camp guards and a nurse were acquitted of manslaughter in the death of Anderson.



2007

DEONTE RAWLINGS
In SE DC a 14 year old boy was killed by two off-duty cops during an unauthorized sting operation to recover a stolen mini-bike. The police alleged that fourteen-year-old Deonte Rawlings stole the mini-bike from the officers home and when he was confronted by the 2 cops, they claim he opened fire on them, but no gun or mini-bike was recovered.



Black Male incarceration rate- disproportionate number of African American males trapped in the judicial/ penal system.



1998



AMADOU BAILO DIALLO
A 23-year-old immigrant to the United States from Guinea. He was unarmed when he was shot and killed on February 4, 1999, by four New York City Police Department plain-clothed officers: Sean Carroll, Richard Murphy, Edward McMellon and Kenneth Boss. The four men fired a total of 41 rounds.

1999

ALBERTA SPRUILL
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TIMELINE OF CIVIL INJUSTICE

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2005

HURRICANE KATRINA
Following the storm that devastated New Orleans, residents were stranded for nearly a week before government assistance arrived.



2004

TIMOTHY STANSBURY
A 19-year-old unarmed New York City teenager shot and killed by NYPD Officer Richard S. Neri Jr. on January 24, 2004. Officer Neri and a partner were patrolling the rooftop of a housing project in the Bedford-Stuyvesant neighborhood of Brooklyn at about 1 a.m. Officer Neri, with his gun drawn, approached a rooftop door to check the stairway inside. Neri testified to a Brooklyn grand jury that he fired unintentionally when he was startled as Stansbury pushed open the rooftop door. Stansbury, a resident of an adjoining building, died from one shot in the chest. The grand jury found the shooting to be accidental.

2005

NORTH TOLEDO RIOTS
October 15, 2005, the National Socialist Movement was granted a permit to lead a hate march in a predominantly African American neighborhood with the protection of police officers. What followed was a chaotic 4 hour riot that resulted in arrest of more than 120 residents.



2006

SEAN BELL - NOV. 25, 2006
Sean Bell, a 23-year-old New York City man due to be married later that day, walked out of a Queens strip club, climbed into a gray Nissan Altima with two friends who had been celebrating with him - and died in a hail of 50 bullets fired by a group of five police officers.

2006

MICHAEL RICHARDS
On November 17, 2006 "Kramer goes on a racial tirade. He repeatedly calls some African Americans niggers. He then goes on to say '50 years ago you would have been hanging upside down with a pitchfork up your ass' to a black audience member."

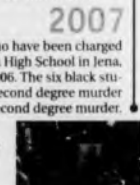


2007

MEGAN WILLIAMS - SEPT. 9, 2007
A young black woman was held captive in a mobile home, forced to eat animal waste, stabbed, choked and repeatedly sexually abused all while being called racial slurs for week by six white individuals until she was rescued.

JENA SIX A group of six black teenagers who have been charged with the beating of a white teenager at Jena High School in Jena, Louisiana, United States, on December 4, 2006. The six black students were initially charged with attempted second degree murder and conspiracy to commit second degree murder.

2007
Turner County High School- On April 21, 2007 Turner County High School celebrated their first integrated prom.



RACIAL EQUALITY

Has Anything Really Changed?

Racial tensions continue to brew in the U.S., despite decades of strides to do so. Some struggle with the fact that, though justice may be served in some instances, fairness is not handed out equally.

History Repeats Itself

BLISS DAVIS
National News Writer

The outpouring of news stories from all over the U.S. has made some question how far people of color have truly advanced.

Nooses have not just been hung in Jena, Louisiana. The University of Maryland College Park Campus reported the same incident outside of its Nyumburu Cultural Center on September 7th. The noose was removed quickly, yet word spread rapidly about the incident and prompted an outcry from other cultural and African American organizations on campus. According to the Washington Post, of the university's enrollment of 25, 154 students, and 12.9 percent of these

students are African American. It also holds the lead for graduating more African Americans than any other public research university.

In the eyes of many African Americans, these statistics are meaningless when incidents such as these occur.

Sophomore, Michael Smith said, "I mean, people try to make it seem like it's so great we're getting more recognition as black people, and it is, but if you got others who hate you and hold you back, it really takes the pride out of it all sometimes."

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out equally.

In West Virginia, this issue has been widely addressed. **Megan Williams, 23, was kidnapped, tortured and sexually assaulted by six white captors who made racist remarks during the week long ordeal.** Though her testimony has been taken and is being used to indict her captors, the question of racial motive is being questioned. This has angered civil rights activists who say the prosecutor should be taking longer bigger steps to unearth the nature of what happened.

"I think the justice system has learned how to keep us quieter," said Smith. "These people got arrested and everything, but they may just get off easier than they should."

The idea of racial bias held by many African Americans is not solely focused on the justice system. **According to a poll taken by CNN, 49 percent of blacks believe racism is generally still a very serious problem,** and another 35 percent consider it to be a moderate problem. Altogether, approximately 84 percent of African Americans consider racism to be a major problem in the U.S. Another 66 percent of whites also recognize it as a serious or moderate problem, with the majority opting for the moderate range.

What does this mean for African Americans?

"I just hope history doesn't repeat itself, we still have a long way to go," said Smith.

JUSTICE FOR THE JENA 6

SHELBY R. JEFFERSON
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Over the past few weeks, national focus has been directed toward a small town called Jena in Louisiana, which has inspired the reevaluation of the numerous existing questions regarding the criminal justice system here in America. **While the situation in Jena initially received relatively limited media attention, leaving many ignorant on the issues surrounding this community, the recent response has been substantial, and a nationwide outcry has commenced to bring forth justice for what has come to be known as The Jena 6.**

The events that led up to this public reaction began in September of 2006, when a black student at Jena High School received authorization from administration to sit under what had been identified as "the white tree". Three nooses were found hanging from this tree the next day, and the white students who staged the incident were merely suspended from school as repercussions for their very serious actions. While racial tensions were already high in Jena, a series of events transpired within the next few months, including an altercation off of school grounds in which black students wrestled away a gun revealed by a white student, only to be charged with possession of a stolen weapon after taking it to the local police station. Most significant, however, was the school fight that ensued on December 4, 2006, which involved six young black men and a white student, Justin Barker, after Barker allegedly spewed racial slurs. Following the fight, five of the six males were slapped with attempted murder and conspiracy charges, despite the fact that Barker, who was reportedly critically injured, was physically able to be present at a school gathering later that evening.

Mychal Bell, the first and only to stand trial so far, was tried as an adult and found guilty by an all white jury. Not only was this a **blatant violation of his constitutional rights**, but it also resulted in him facing up to 22 years in prison. The juvenile court later reversed Bell's initial sentencing, declaring that he should have never been tried as an adult, and on September 20, the date that Bell was set to be sentenced, thousands gathered at an organized march in Jena to protest for Bell and the rest of the Jena 6. Participants included

prominent leaders like the Reverends Jesse Jackson and Al Sharpton, Congresswoman Maxine Waters, and Martin Luther King III, as well as tens of thousands of others supporters. While thousands gathered in Jena, numerous demonstrations were taking place in venues across the country, including college campuses. Here at Bowling Green State University a protest rally was organized by the Black Student Union, in collaboration with other campus organizations, at the Free Speech Oval outside of the Bowen-Thompson Student Union. The event received much cooperation from fellow BGSU students, and participants were able to show support for both Mychal Bell, and the other five members of the Jena 6. Students uniformed in black wardrobe, some with custom designed shirts and decorated signs, displayed passion and boldness as chants of "Free the Jena 6" and "Justice Now" could be heard echoing across campus. In addition, flyers were distributed as a way to educate people at the university about the injustices taking place in Louisiana.

Mychal Bell was released on September 27 on \$45,000 bail after being incarcerated since December of 2006, and his case was then taken to a juvenile court. **Most recently on October 11, he was instructed to report to a Louisiana juvenile facility, where he will now serve an 18 month sentence.** According to the courts judge, Bell's involvement in the school fight violated the terms of his probation that were previously set until his 18th birthday. His attorney has ensured that there will be an appeal of the sentencing.

All of the recent events that have transpired in Louisiana have nonetheless caused an intense reevaluation of the American criminal justice system. Many have expressed the belief that this incident marks the reemergence of Jim Crow; a sort of regression to the conditions of legalized segregation that existed in the south all the way through the 1950's. "Separate yet (unequal)" status was attained, and justice was not equally granted to African Americans. Racial tensions in a small southern town, nooses being hung from trees, all white juries, unequal representations before the law, threats of mob violence—all reminiscent of a Jim Crow America that, until now, had been perceived as a part of this nation's very decadent past.

Ramona Bell, an Ethnic Studies professor here at BGSU, who attended



PICTURES ABOVE: STUDENTS EXPRESS THEIR DISCONTENT AT THE BGSU RALLY

the rally in Jena on September 20th, expressed however, that realistically speaking, these conditions were never truly obliterated. "I don't think there's such a thing as a new Jim Crow", Bell stated. "It's always been there. [This Jena 6 Case] is calling attention to the Jim Crow that's always existed. In other words, the Civil Rights Movement has never triumphed because the government has never really carried out this integration."

In addition to addressing the concept of an era of a reemerging Jim Crow, Professor Bell conveyed that the Jena 6 cases also call other issues into the forefront, such as the concept of a prison industrial complex. This idea, often spoke upon by social activists like Angela Davis, is the systematic exploitation of prison labor to maintain capitalism. With this type of prison system, African American men are being incarcerated at alarming rates, as currently more than 1.4 million black men remain behind bars. Considering a case where the aftermath of a school fight results in five young black men receiving attempted murder charges, this suggestion of a prison industrial complex as perhaps one of the

concealed explanations for situations like the one in Jena is thought provoking.

Overall, the protest organized in Jena, as well as the numerous others around the country, including the one at BGSU, was a demonstration of the mass disapproval of the injustices that are taking place in Louisiana. Although these protests were sparked by the Jena 6 cases, they were a stand against injustices far and wide.

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The recent turn of events regarding Mychal Bell greatly demonstrates the importance of acknowledging that the crisis in Jena is not one that needs to be swept under the rug once the early appeal wears off, or media coverage dies down. The spirit of the march in Louisiana must persevere until full justice is carried out. The Jena 6 case is an urgent wake up call that fully reveals that we can no longer allow justice to be blind, deaf, or dumb.

JENA SIX CONTROVERSY

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Acknowledging Latino Heritage and Culture in the U.S.

LATINO HERITAGE MONTH

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Latino Heritage Month is a period dedicated to people of Latino descent. **The month recognizes the contributions those of Latino descent made to the U.S.** and acknowledges Latino heritage and culture. It begins on September 15 and ends October 15. Bowling Green State University held various events to commemorate this month. September 15 was chosen because it recognizes the anniversary of independence for five Latin countries, which include Costa Rica, El Salvador,

Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua. It also recognizes the independence of Mexico and Chile, which declared its independence on September 16 and September 18, respectively. The observation started in 1968 as Hispanic Heritage Week under President Lyndon B. Johnson and was expanded by President Ronald Reagan in 1988 to cover a 30-day period starting on September 15 and ending on October 15. It was enacted into law on August 17, 1988 on the approval of Public Law 100-402, which authorizes and requests the President to issue an annual proclamation designating September 15 through October

15, as **"Hispanic Heritage Month. According to infoplease.com, Spanish is spoken by an estimate of 349,507,300 people worldwide. In the U.S., Spanish is spoken by an estimate of 22,400,000.** The Spanish language has also loaned words to the English language, which include alligator, bronco, cigar, cigarette, comrade and patio, just to name a few. Cesar Chavez is one of America's famous heroes for his role in achieving equal rights for migrant workers. **According to infoplease.com, the estimated population of the United States as of July 1, 2006 is 44.3 million.** Many great

people of Latino descent have made vast contributions to this country. Luiz Walter Alvarez won the Nobel Prize in 1968 for discoveries about subatomic particles. He and his son proposed the now-accepted theory that the mass dinosaur extinction was caused by a meteor impact. Severo Ochoa won the Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine in 1959 for the synthesis of ribonucleic acid (RNA). Latino Heritage Month may have ended October 15, but that doesn't mean Americans should stop the recognition of these great American accomplishments.

On a Mission to end degrading stereotypes imposed on American Indians

Amer-Indian Professor Aims to End Stereotypes

RICHARD AUTRY
Editor-in-Chief

Sacramento State ethnic studies professor Brian Baker, a Bad River Chippewa American Indian from upper Wisconsin, is on a mission to end degrading stereotypes mainstream American society imposes on American Indians.

Baker aims to accomplish this mission with collectibles he has gathered from antique stores and fairs. These collectibles include old magazine advertising, children's games, canned goods and toys.

According to Sacramento Bee, Baker has come home with items that he says stereotype his culture and besmirch American Indian identity. On Monday

October 8, 2007, Baker used those secondhand buys, going back to the 1920s, to stage an exhibit that he calls "Americana Indian -- American Indians in the American Imagination," at the college.

The Sacramento Bee states that one of the degrading items Baker displayed, to name a few, is an ad for women's rayon undergarments, depicting a

woman wearing a girdle and feathered headband, which featured this rhyme:

"Heap Big savings. Watch them grow. With undies made of smooth Spun-lo."

Baker hoped everyone got a glimpse into questionable American retailing and study how popular culture portrayed American Indians.

FEATURED CARTOONIST

MAMA's BOYZ Creator, Jerry Craft, debuts in Obsidian

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Jerry Craft/ Cartoonist/Writer/Illustrator

Jerry Craft is the creator of Mama's Boyz, a comic strip that has been syndicated by King Features since 1995. He is also the artist / writer of "Mama's Boyz: Home Schoolin' a brand new 112-page collection of his award-winning comic strip. The book, which is scheduled for a fall 2007 launch, features individual comics strips, stories, and even a section on how he draws one of his characters and creates his strip. The book is aimed at getting kids and young adults to focus on the positive aspects of African-American life and has already been endorsed by "Teachers Against Prejudice!"

The Mama's Boyz characters have also been used to spread the word for several other organizations such as The Coalition on Donation's "Donate Life" program and are now being worked into a campaign for the American Council for Fitness and Nutrition as a way to combat obesity in our young people.

Jerry Craft is a graduate of the School of Visual Arts where he received his BFA degree in advertising. After working in the ad world for a dozen years as a copywriter, he got his first job

as a cartoonist working with Barbara Slate on a variety of comic books for Marvel and Harvey Comics. Next, he worked at King Features Syndicate. He followed that with eight years at Sports Illustrated For Kids where he started as a web producer and ended as its Editorial Director.

In the spring of 2001, he was nominated by the National Cartoonists Society for an award in their New Media Division. He also hosted a daily online sports radio show for kids (interviewing athletes such as Derek

Jeter and Dontrelle Willis) and did a weekly guest spot on Radio KOL.

In October of 2006, Craft left his job as Editorial Director for in order to pursue his passion for drawing full time under his own company, Mama's Boyz, Inc.

Jerry has been nominated for a Glyph Award for Outstanding Achievement in Black Comics and is the recipient of an African American Literary Awards Open Book Award for best comic strip, beating out both Curtis and Boondocks.

He has drawn greeting cards, board games, book covers and illustrations and is currently working on his first children's book for a publisher on the East coast.

Jerry has appeared on WCBS' Sunday Morning show with Mario Bosquez as well as cable news shows such as Cablevision News 12's Our Lives with Janus Adams, and in publications like the Stamford Advocate, Cartoonists Profiles magazine, and the Onion to name a few.

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JERRY CRAFT



DARFUR-SUDAN CONFLICT STILL BREWING

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While the war in Iraq is waging and gaining lots of media attention throughout the world, there is another conflict occurring that is getting far less coverage; the Darfur crisis. Most people are completely unaware of this crisis due to the lack of coverage. Komlan Koutoglo, an international student here at the University from Togo, said, "I don't think many Africans or non-Africans are aware of the Darfur crisis."

Since February 2003, immense fighting has taken place in Darfur. Darfur, which is in the western region of Sudan in Africa, means "Land of the Fur." At the focus of the argument is a disagreement between Darfur and the rest of Sudan about how to run the government. This conflict began when a rebel group started attacking government targets, because of feelings that the government is oppressing black Africans in favor of Arabs. The two main rebel groups include the Sudan Liberation Army (SLA) and the Justice and Equality Movement (JEM); however, both of these groups have split among

ethnic lines. The newly formed Sudan Liberation Movement (SLM) launched guerilla raids on government targets, and the government responded by unleashing its militia-the Janjaweed-which is comprised of Darfur's indigenous Arabs. Currently about a dozen rebel groups exist in which some leaders are willing to engage in peace talks, while others are not so willing.

Many factors such as drought, disputed land, ethnic tensions and overpopulation over the course of decades are attributed toward the crisis in Darfur. The fighting in Darfur is often described as racially motivated because of the Arabs fighting against black rebels and civilians. However, many scholars believe that the fighting goes beyond racial lines, and trace the origins back to settled farmers and nomadic herders fighting over land.

This is referring to an incident that happened in the late 1980s in which Arabs attempted to keep land from black farmers and in 1987 published a manifesto of racial superiority. Following this publication, clashes broke out between Arabs and the Fur (largest single tribe of farmers in Darfur) in which 3,000 people, mostly Fur, were killed. Hundreds of

villages and nomadic camps were burned before a peace agreement was signed in 1989. However more fighting occurred in the 1990s between Arabs and non-Arabs and in these disputes, Sudan's central government located in Khartoum, often supported and favored Arabs politically and sometimes provided arms to them. All of these occurrences can be described as factors leading up to the present crisis situation today.

As a result of this massive fighting, an estimated **two million innocent people have been forced to leave their homes to escape the violence between the government and rebel groups.** Many have relocated to camps near Darfur's main towns, but there is not enough food, water, or medicine. Furthermore, **men are killed and women raped if they wander too far in search of food.** This is creating an impact of widespread violence, malnutrition and disease throughout the region. Due to the ongoing fighting, much of Darfur is inaccessible to aid workers; therefore it is not known how many people have died, but researchers have estimated the number at no fewer than 200,000.

Several steps need to be made

in order to diffuse and combat the current crisis in Darfur. Kunle Alimi, graduate student from Nigeria, believes that more international attention is needed for the current situation. "I think that many governments have good intentions, but they ultimately are all talk and no action" he said. Alimi means that many countries, the United States included, promise to intervene and address the problem, but they never actually do anything or devise an action-oriented plan. For instance the **Bush administration has declared the killings "genocide," but U.S. and international efforts to end the crises have failed so far as the conflict seems to be worsening.**

A small step in the right direction is that the Sudanese government has agreed to allow 3,000 United Nations peacekeepers into Darfur to assist an existing force of African Union soldiers by the end of this year. Additionally, London, Paris, San Francisco and New York have all held rallies to protest the Darfur conflict. Also, a video has been filmed featuring celebrities such as actor Matt Damon and supermodel Elle Macpherson to help raise awareness to the situation.

A couple of ways in which students

can help to end the crisis is to join an organization that supports ending this humanitarian disaster. Also, students can write to elected officials and call their offices. The more people that know about the Darfur crisis, the more that can be done toward ending this tragic conflict that continues to claim the lives of many with each passing day.



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TPS gets "ACADEMIC WATCH": The truth behind the label

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What exactly does it mean for a school district to be in the Ohio Report Card category "academic watch"? A glimpse at Toledo Public Schools might answer this question.

After being at "continuous improvement" for three years, TPS has dropped this year to "academic watch," which is basically a "D" grade. The rating was based on 30 indicators including standardized tests, graduation rates, and attendance. TPS needed a performance index of 80 to be considered "continuous improvement"; they were off by nine-tenths of a point.

Still, being under "academic watch" doesn't make the school district look good. If TPS really did fail so many indicators of the report card, are they in trouble? Or were there unavoidable obstacles? Perhaps the standards are to blame?

TPS Board President Steven Steel believes that the way states rate schools is flawed. He also comments

that the standards have been continuously shifting in the past 20 years and being a school system of nearly 30,000 students, "We can't make dramatic change overnight."

There have been efforts made prior to the release of the most recent State Report Card to improve student performance. The schools' main focus was strengthening math and science skills. However, the new tests that were administered in the past year had a higher emphasis on science and social studies, which are the areas where students struggled. There was actually an improvement in test performance when the new tests are not counted.

Another attempt at improving the schools was a new dress code for high school students. Like

the elementary and middle school students, high school TPS students are required to wear uniforms. Al Stephens, Director of Toledo Public Schools Physical Education and Health Program, sees a change in student behavior. "They're coming to learn," he says. When students come dressed in a uniform, they are in school mode meaning they take learning more

seriously. When they're outside of school, they can put on their "play clothes" as Stephens puts it. In addition, school uniforms eliminate much of the social class distinctions among students.

Now that TPS stands in "academic watch," school board officials are taking even more action. One example is the creation of a task force, which consists of community leaders including members from organizations like Head Start and United Way. **Parents, educators, and agencies within the community will also make up the task force. Steel believes that there is a "shared responsibility" among all community members to make sure all children receive quality education.**

TPS also established the +10 Program where every parent is required to give 10 hours a year volunteering or in some way being involved with the schools or community. The idea behind the program is students may do better in school if their parents were more involved in their education.

The +10 Program as well as the task force focus on community involvement, and it's too early to tell how well they will work. The success of education of course, also lies within the schools. For the first time, TPS teachers and staff will meet twice a semester to make sure everyone is on the same page. Making sure all educators have consistent goals might make a difference.

So what does "academic watch" mean for TPS schools? It could mean a damaging, misleading label based on continuously changing standards. It

could also be the cause of the number of changes TPS is taking such as the creation of the task force and +10 Program. Stephens has faith in the new attempts: "I think you will see a change next year."

There is a reason for standards, and that is to make sure students are receiving a good education. No matter where the disagreement on how fairly the state rates its schools lies, **the bottom line is there is a need to provide decent education for all children.**

Quality Counts Report Card

TPS not performing well according to state standards

| GRADING CRITERIA | TOLEDO | OHIO | U.S. AVERAGE |
|------------------------------------|--------|------|--------------|
| Standards and accountability | C- | C+ | B- |
| Efforts to improve teacher quality | D+ | C | C+ |
| School Climate | C | B | C+ |
| Resource Equity | D- | B | C |
| Overall Grade | D+ | B- | C+ |

Source: Education Week

*NOT AN ACCURATE STUDY

The Forum

MISSING WOMEN OF COLOR

National Media Coverage Lacking for African-American Women



GLENDIA FURCH

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The recent controversy surrounding a new hip hop video cartoon released in early September on BET, entitled "Read a Book", has generated quite a bit of discussion amongst scholars, cultural critics, and parents everywhere. Created by the self proclaimed "poet with a hip-hop style"/producer, Boman "D'Mite" Armah, the message that the song delivers may seem constructive at first glance, however it is highly probable that the listeners opinions will shift once the content of the song is actually revealed.

The lyrics and content of the video are quite abrasive, as it all begins with an animated individual of great resemblance to popular rapper Lil' Jon, playing the piano, and yelling out an extremely explicit mantra: "Read a book, n*****! Read a motherf***** book!" All of this is done over a crunk style hip-hop beat, while images emerge of a wide grinning, deviant looking male, dressed in stereotypical hip hop dress, using an automatic gun to shoot unsuspecting victims with books by authors Donald Goines and Zora Neale Hurston. **This is followed by a woman in tightly fitting clothes, with the word BOOK embroidered across her highly accentuated behind, thrusting it repeatedly into the camera to the rhythm of the track.**

As shocking as these images may seem, the song's creator claims that they were actually meant to be uplifting. Armah, a native of Washington DC and a youth counselor, maintains that this is his way of placing an emphasis on the importance of the involvement of black youth in more reading related activities. **In addition, the video was a means of countering the negative imagery and lyrical content that the youth are bombarded with daily in today's rap music, through the use of satire.**

In presenting the same visual content that rappers use- profane language, violence, and scantily clad women, Armah trusts that he will be able to effectively capture the attention of young minds. He upholds that his video differs, however, because they will instead receive a positive message through the lyrical content. Lastly, through spoofing current music videos, works like "Read a Book" will also expose the ridiculous nature of many of these representations to

young rap fans, hopefully revealing to them the differences between right and wrong.

The problems that many people point out here lie in the fact that in using this same negativity contained in many of the present rap videos, the outcome is nonproductive. Ultimately, the majority of those watching "Read a Book" are not old enough to grasp the true message behind it, or to recognize its satirical meaning. Many will pay more attention to the profanity, money, bling, women, and violence. In the end, this type of video does more harm than good because, though it was composed with constructive intentions, it still projects the same destructive images that our youth have become so immune to seeing.

Other arguments have been made that the major issue is not that "Read a Book" was created, but more so that it is aired during daytime hours when mostly youth are watching. BET claimed shortly after its release that the video was meant to be marketed towards a certain age demographic, primarily between the ranged of 18-34 years old. This may have been a somewhat acceptable defense had it not been for the fact that "Read a Book" was premiered on one of the networks most popular shows, 106 & Park, whose viewing audience is mostly made up of teens and pre-teens. As a video countdown show, 106 & Park airs daily based off of votes submitted by viewers for their favorite videos, and once "Read a Book" premiered on the show, those watching were immediately encouraged to vote the video onto the countdown.

Many parents have also recognized that the emphasis on literacy and education professed by Armah in "Read a Book" is overshadowed by his use of the "N" word, and the numerous other forms of profanity included in the song. A video geared towards the enlightenment of the youth should not address them using a word with such a long history of degradation and humiliation as the "N" word, merely because it is done in popular rap music. Referring to black youth as "niggas" when attempting to persuade them on the value of reading, completely contradicts any necessity for education. In the end there is no longer a need for learning when the minds of black youth are molded to self identify in such demeaning ways.

Supporters of Boman Armah and

"Read a Book" express that although the language used is harsh, and the images included in the video aren't traditionally positive, the writer is at least promoting the uplift and support of black youth. In essence, if this language must be used, and if these images are going to be produced, it would essentially be more productive in a way that teaches the youth the basic essentials of life. For example, encouraging them to be financially smart by telling them to "buy some land n*****", is better than influencing them to spend all their money on cars and jewelry. Pointing out the need to stay hygienically correct by declaring "brush yo' teeth" and "wear deodorant n*****", is better than hearing how important platinum and diamond grills are.

Those who deem the "Read a Book" video to be degrading and disgraceful must ask themselves are they too being contradictory. Individuals will openly express their disgust with this song, but won't hesitate to buy the new 50 Cent album. **Others will adamantly object to the representations of black culture depicted in "Read a Book", but will drop it like its hot when Gucci Mane's "Freaky Gurl" video comes on BET.** Why not altogether object to supporting an artist like 50 Cent who creates a video game called Bulletproof, which is played by millions of black youth all over the country? If you refuse to support a video like "Read a Book", it would only be right to reject any other form of entertainment, and/or creators of this entertainment, that influence the impressionable minds of the youth in unconstructive and detrimental ways.

Numerous other questions have been posed and analyzed regarding this entire "Read a Book" controversy. First, can instructing the youth through such uninhibited language as "read a book n*****" and "buy some land n*****", in some way or another be more constructive than 50 Cent speaking in the same language, only providing directions on "How to Rob"? Is Jibbs asking "Do Your Chain Hang Low?" or Soulja Boy telling you to "Supersoak that hoe" preferred over, "Read a mothaf***** book"? Furthermore, **is one form of degradation not as bad as the next?** Would it be considered better for a twelve year old watching BET to hear someone encouraging him to read a book rather than to get high, wor-

ship 22 inch rims, and disrespect and devalue black women?

Boman Armah's intentions in creating "Read a Book" were clearly good; however, it would seem that if you truly despise the current content in rap videos as you claim, you would consider it to be highly unacceptable to partake in the production of these same destructive images that you oppose. The need to provide means of education to black youth is imperative, however it is clear that a video like "Read a Book" only provides yet another form of black mis-education in the end.

Many will pay more attention to the profanity, money, bling, women, and violence. In the end, this type of video does more harm than good because, though it was composed with constructive intentions, it still projects the same destructive images that our youth have become so immune to seeing.

In Memory



Dejuan Lee Patterson
"Wanie"

12/31/1988- 09/24/2007

We'll always
remember you
YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY

May you always
be at peace

IS HIP-HOP DEAD?

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Guest Columnist

Hip-Hop. Is it dead or is alive? That has been one of the main topics when Hip-Hop is mentioned in a conversation. Ever since Nas' 2006 album *Hip-Hop Is Dead* every rapper and lover of hip-hop has debated Nas' thoughts on the hip-hop game. Well, now it's my turn, but before I do that let me educate the masses about hip-hop. First, the definition of **Hip-Hop is a culture, a form of groundbreaking music and self-expression with elements that consist of DJ-ing, emceeing, various forms of dance, expression using art, and Rhythm & Blues.** In other words, Hip-Hop is not just video models, lyrics about herbal substances, expensive jewelry, and tricked out cars, but mind-boggling metaphors and allusions, body moving beats, and thought provoking issues. A lot of people forget that Hip-Hop is also an art form which means it ranges, changes,

and evolves like all other art forms. Many may argue that the heritage of Hip-Hop is not being carried on, well it is just in a different way because hip-hop is like technology... it's always changing. Now, for the better or worse is your decision to make. Another way to look at it is the essence and spirit of hip-hop is still alive; just reincarnated. Those who grew up or became intrigued by artists like NWA, Grandmaster Flash, KRS-One, Wu-Tang Clan, Blackstar, and Rakim along with many other legends may not agree that artists today, such as P. Diddy, Chingy, 50 Cent, Lil' Boosie Baby, and Lil' Wayne (depending on your view) are maintaining the Hip-Hop culture. But as I mentioned before: **Hip-Hop is changing.** On the other hand, there are artists like Kanye West, Little Brother, Common, Nas, Jay-Z, & Game who display intricate and thought-provoking rhymes. **It is not that Hip-Hop has gone commercial; it has just become harder to find variety within the music.** People turn on the radio or

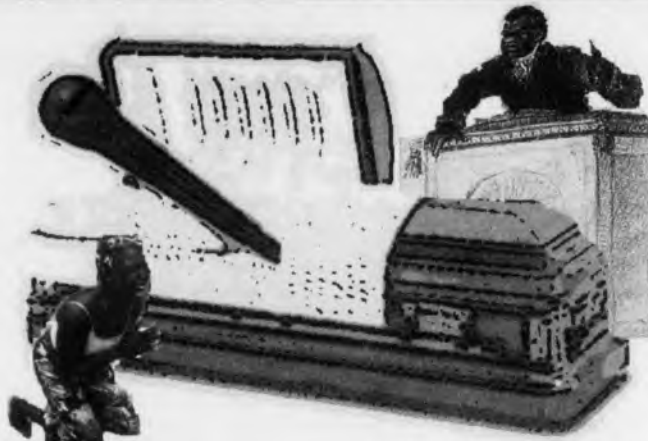


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television and are hit with the dance, drug, flashy songs. What people don't realize is that hip-hop has always changed from records about partying, the struggle, living in the ghetto, uplifting the people, and degradation of people, which shows how multi-faceted Hip-Hop is. One thing that I have learned is that **these artists are rappers who were originally called emcees NOT Hip-Hop**

because Hip-Hop is the way we talk, the way we act, our fashion, our lifestyle, and our people. This can be summed up in something KRS-One once said which is "rap is something you do. Hip-Hop is something you live," which means that just because a handful of RAPPERS are not living up to the standard of what Hip-Hop is does not mean it is dead.

HIP HOP VS. AMERICA?

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For quite some time now, BET has been completely scrutinized and often blamed for contributing to as well as promoting hip hop music videos that many white and black Americans as a whole consider demeaning.

As a result, BET implemented a three-part panel discussion to address the controversial issues that surround Hip Hop, known as "Hip-Hop vs. America." Because of the intense blame that is often placed on rappers and even BET, **the goal of the panel discussion was to help rappers and scrutinizers forge a relationship where they come to a common ground on how they can reshape or alter the language and images so that rappers can still rap, without demeaning others.**

Ashley Pledger, a black female from Cleveland, Ohio believe that Don Imus incident called for BET to implement the series "Hip-Hop vs. America" to look at the good and bad in hip hop that intellectuals and even the public believe caused Imus to feel it was okay to say "nappy-headed hoes," since many rappers make hit singles off demeaning women.

Therefore, BET thought it was their job to explore its faults and the

impact that rap music and videos have on Americans as a whole, whether they're white or black.

However, according to Raysean Autry, "People are using BET as a scape goat for America's problems."

Yet, when one would have thought that because "Hip Hop vs. America" consisted of well-known panelists coming from a widespread spectrum of individuals including, rappers, intellectuals, music producers and single mothers, the discussion would have been focused more on trying to resolve the animosity and conflict. But the discussion turned into a debate that resembled an intense wrestling match aimed at who will take home the title, thus resolving nothing.

"It seem like each panelist was not respecting one another's opinion because they were so biased on what they believed that they didn't even care to hear what the next person had to say." Brittany Johnson, a black female student at Columbus State Community College. "I was very disappointed in T.I. because when Michael Eric Dyson was talking about how videos are often demeaning to African American women, T.I. was laughing and I felt very offended because it seem like he was not taking the discussion serious."

However, since the discussion

turned more into a debate where panelists seem to turn on each other, trying their best to defend their stance, instead of respecting each others opinions and trying to resolve the problem, the question is then:

Who should be blamed?

Rapper T.I. stated that because it starts in the home, that the parents should be held accountable for their children actions because they are responsible for allowing and their children to watch hip hop videos that are on T.V. Nelly also complied with T.I. that parents should be monitoring what their children watch, **it is not truly their fault if their children aspire to act or dress like the artist they see in the videos.** While, Michael Eric Dyson states that because rappers produce and make millions

off the music that are not only often degrading to women but to blacks as a whole, they should bear some responsibility.

Aaron Moore states, "Because rappers contribute to the making these videos that are disrespectful to many people and since there are many parents that do allow their children to watch these types of videos or even listen to the music, both parents and rappers should be held responsible."

Al Sharpton said "...We should not approach this discussion wondering what white America think about us, but rather what we think about ourselves." "The whole notion of how we are embarrassing the race to whites, the real core of that is white supremacy like they have some rule over defending what is good or bad."

ALIVE AND KICKING

Hip Hop is Alive and Well, Just in a different Form

In other words, Hip-Hop is not just video models, lyrics about herbal substances, expensive jewelry, and tricked out cars, but mind-boggling metaphors and allusions, body moving beats, and thought provoking issues.

Quotable

Nas on naming his new album after "N" word



"We're taking power from the word. No disrespect to none of them who were part of the civil rights movement, but some ... in the streets don't know who (civil rights activist) Medgar Evers was ... they know who Nas is."

"And to my older people who don't know who Nas is and who don't know what a street disciple is, stay outta this (expletive) conversation. We'll talk to you when we're ready. Right now, we're on a whole new movement. We're taking power from that word."

Diversity Film Festival

through the month of November - 1st, 3rd, 5th, 7th, 10th, 14th, 15th, and 17th.

The film we will be screening are:

Sentenced Home (East Asia)
A View From a Grain of Sand (Middle East)
Eth Minha Cara (Black Diaspora)
Maid in America (Latin America)
The Case of the Grimacing Cat (Europe)
Once More Removed (India/Caribbean)
The Sweetest Mango (Caribbean) and finally a day of shorts featuring works from BG students and other acclaimed filmmakers

**Bowen-Thompson
Student Union
Room 206
6:00-9:00 p.m.**

Hosted by The Caribbean Association

20 QUESTIONS

- 1 To echo Mos Def, why weren't some black celebrities supportive in coming to Jena, Louisiana to rally for the Jena Six, i.e. Will Smith, Oprah Winfrey, etc.?
- 2 Isn't it ironic that black students are now required to throw their parties in the FIELD HOUSE... (think about it)?
- 3 After BG beat Minnesota, weren't you actually excited about attending a game, but after their loss to Miami aren't you kinda demoralized?
- 4 Has anyone noticed the little spike in prices at Chilly's and Dining Halls?
- 5 And since we're on the subject, how about the rising cost of tuition and room & board?
- 6 If Lil Wayne were to die today, would he be immortalized as one of the greatest rappers?
- 7 Will 50 cent really retire?
- 8 Where is Bin Laden?
- 9 Could he be staying in the White House?
- 10 How many "crank dat" dances are there?
- 11 Didn't the release of Mychal Bell bring a smile to your face?
- 12 But wasn't it a major slap in the face when he was put back in jail?
- 13 Is it really that serious for Hip Hop music to be having congressional hearings?
- 14 Will soulja boy become a one-hit wonder?
- 15 Isn't BET's Sunday Best a great show?
- 16 After Bill O'Reilly's comment about those oh-so-well behaved black people in Harlem, should he not get the Don Imus treatment?
- 17 And since we are on the subject, is this man ignorant or what lol?!
- 18 What should we do as a people after seven former boot camp guards and a nurse were acquitted in the death of Martin Lee Anderson?
- 19 Isn't "no homo" the most overused phrase of 2007?
- 20 Don't you miss chillin in the Union before an ice breaker?

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Melissa A. Young, of the service sorority Delta Sigma Theta, held a program entitled A Sample of Healthy Living in September 26, 2007. The program informed BG students of the posing health threats minority students are disproportionately affected by, due to unhealthy diet and lifestyle choices. A Sample of Healthy Living offered BG students

alternative food choices and an innovative educational lesson.

According to the program there are 3 main diseases that affect blacks due to diet and lack of exercise. These diseases are type II diabetes, hypertension and cardiovascular disease. It is estimated that 3.2 million black Americans have diabetes and 53% of blacks have hypertension. All these diseases may lead to heart disease, obesity, and stroke. From a student's

point of view, these diseases makes you think twice before you pass up the Recreational Center and hit up the Sundial.

So, you ask, what can be done about your health habits? Here is a list:

- Eat healthy
- No eating after 7
- Exercise weekly
- Eat breakfast to start your day
- Drink 8 glasses of water a day

To sum up, the program had a slogan for a healthy lifestyle: 4,5,6,8, moderate

- 4: don't go more than 4 hours without eating
- 5: do 30 minutes of physical activity about 5 times a week
- 6: try at least one thing from each six food groups
- 8: try to get 8 hours of sleep each night

BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

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Breast cancer is a disease affecting women of all ethnic backgrounds. According to Texas Medical Association, one out of nine American women will develop breast cancer in her lifetime. A new breast cancer case is diagnosed every three minutes and one woman dies from this disease every 13 minutes. The statistics are definitely frightening for women around the world, though it does affect a small percentage of men. Though the disease is unbiased in who it affects, minority women are very much susceptible to it. BlackAmericaWeb.com stresses that black women should become more aware of this problem. According to the American Cancer Society, breast cancer is 12 percent higher in Anglo women than it is in

black women, but with black women it strikes at an earlier age and the mortality rate is higher. Breast cancer is the second-most common cancer among black women, surpassed only by lung cancer. According to a study at the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center in Seattle, African American women, Native American women and Hispanic women are 70 percent more likely to die after a diagnosis than a white woman. This is attributed to the most incurable tumor type "triple negative," which affects African-American and Hispanic women more than Caucasian women.

The purpose of Breast Cancer Awareness Month is very straight forward. Since October is designated as BCAA, many women schedule a check-up with a doctor for their annual mammogram. Mammography is used to diagnose breast disease

in women who have symptoms, and also those who appear to have no breast problems. According to the Society's "Cancer Facts & Figures for African-Americans 2007-2008" booklet, "Factors that contribute to the higher death rates among African-American women include differences in access to and utilization of early detection and treatment, risk factors that are differentially distributed by race or socio-economic status, or biological differences associated with race." RedbookMag.com outlines prevention methods women should take for breast cancer. Four doable ways to reduce your breast cancer risk include:

■ Do monthly breast self-exams! "About 40 percent of lumps are still discovered by women themselves," says Lillie Shockney, of the Johns Hopkins Avon Foundation Breast Center.

■ Help your husband quit smoking. Women who have never smoked but who are frequently exposed to smoke at home or work are 68 percent more likely to develop breast cancer than other never-smokers.

■ Know your family history. If you have relatives with breast cancer or other hormone-driven cancers such as prostate or ovarian cancer, talk to your doctor about BRCA testing.

■ Breast-feed your babies. Research suggests that the practice can protect against breast cancer in moms over age 25.

For more information on breast cancer, visit nbcam.com

The Facts About HPV

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If any sexually transmitted disease is getting a lot of publicity lately, it is the genital HPV infection. Short for Human papillomavirus, HPV has crept its way into many commercials, magazines, and BGSU Stall Talks. The infection is not a new one; in fact, anyone who has ever been sexually active has more than likely had HPV at some point in their lives. So why all the hype now?

One possible reason is that HPV is a virus that can lead to cervical cancer in women. While men also contract HPV, its possible effects are far less serious than they are for women. The idea that this virus can lead to such a life-threatening disease in women has captured many's attention. However, while it is important to be aware of and understand HPV, it is equally important to know the facts concerning the infection. Upon further reading, most

people will find that it is not as serious of a concern as it at first seems.

According to the Department of Health and Human Services' Center for Disease Control and Prevention, the human papillomavirus is made up of more than 100 different strains, over 30 of which are sexually transmitted. This sounds intimidating, but at least 50 percent of sexually active men and women have acquired the disease at some point, and have overcome it without even realizing it was there. In most cases, the virus causes no symptoms and passes on its own within two years. A few may, on occasion, develop genital warts or pre-cancerous changes in the cervix. Regular Pap tests detect these changes, though, and very few ever become cancerous.

In fact, HPV very rarely causes cervical cancer, though it can be directly linked to the disease. A small proportion of women encounter a persistent strain, which is known as a "high-

risk" form of HPV. Again, a regular Pap test helps to detect this strain, at which point treatment is given for the pre-cancerous strain. The women at highest risk of developing cervical cancer are those who are or were sexually active, and do not get a regular Pap screening.

While there is no treatment for the HPV virus itself, there is treatment for those women who do acquire genital warts. In most cases, the body eradicates the virus on its own. Nevertheless, the low risk involved with HPV does not change the fact that, currently, over 80 percent of women will have had the virus by age fifty, leaving us a higher percentage of women who are potentially at risk of developing cervical cancer. For those women who feel uneasy about these statistics, a new vaccine has been developed that will protect against four types of HPV. Gardasil, a three-part vaccination,

is designed to prevent the four strains of HPV that are most responsible for genital warts and cervical cancers. Gardasil is recommended for use in women between the ages of 9 and 26 years. While it is ideal to receive the vaccine before becoming sexually active, females who are sexually active and have not been infected with HPV still receive full benefit. Even women who carry one type of HPV still benefit from the prevention of the other three types. Gardasil is widely available, including places like the BGSU Student Health Center. While prices are approximately \$360 for the full series, certain insurances may cover it. However, because of its recent release, many have not yet included it in their coverage plans. While HPV is incredibly common among the sexually active and has very little risk associated with it, reducing one's risk even further with a vaccination like this is always beneficial.

KAUTURE SHAUK STATE UNIVERSITY

"Classes Begin: College Sho Is A Different World"

ANONYMOUS WRITER

Elijah hugged his mom and two younger brothers before they left to head back to his home town of **Detroit**. Elijah hopped onto his bed to lie down. He looked straight up at the ceiling. "Damn, I can't believe I'm in college," thought Elijah. He was especially proud of himself because he was the first person in his family to go to college. It was best feeling in the world when he earned a scholarship to attend KSSU. A huge grin spread across his face. Elijah remembered the conversations he would have with friends and family about school. "Yo, dem girls in college be straight freaks bro," his cousin would say. His cousin would also go on about ice breakers. An ice breaker was a college party. Elijah found it funny that his cousin knew so much about college, but never attended one himself. But what turned Elijah's face from a grin to frown was the thought of his uncles always asking him if he was gonna play ball in college. "Yo you playin ball?" or "You on an athletic scholarship?" is what he would commonly hear from his unks. "Man where is this dude at?" he thought. Elijah was referring to his roommate who had not yet arrived to the dorm. According to the room assignment he checked online in early June, his roommate's name is Daquan. Elijah automatically assumed he was a brother. Suddenly the door swung open. Elijah hopped out of his bed to see who it was. "What's goin on man? You must be Elijah," said a white guy in a Hollister shirt. "Hold on," laughed Elijah. "You're Daquan?" "Hell no man," he said. "My name is Brad. The school somehow changed our roommate assignment at the last minute. I checked it last week. So where are you from?" "I'm from **Detroit**," replied Elijah. "Where are you from?" "I'm from Rootstown," said Brad. "Rootstown...? What the hell is a Rootstown?" laughed Elijah. "It's a small town. Nobody's heard of it. Eh man the school is throwing a campus picnic. You tryna go?" asked Brad. "Naw dawg Ima stay here and chill for a bit," said Elijah as he hopped back onto his bed. "Alright, Ima catch you later my nizzle," said Brad as he left out the door. "What?" said Elijah as he sat up in his bed. "Naw, he could not have said what I thought he said," laughed Elijah as he lied back down. **MEANWHILE...** "Daddy! I'm gonna be fine," said Jasmine. "Jazzy you my first born to go to college," said Jasmine's father. "Can you please

stop calling me that, dad? I hate that name. It makes me sound like a child," said Jasmine. "Come on Leroy, our perfect little angel will be just fine adjusting to college," said Jasmine's mother. "Victoria we both been to college before. We know what a little freedom can do to somebody," said Leroy. "Okay quit referring to me as a little angel. I am 18-years-old. It gets old after awhile," said Jasmine. "Yeah, I must have lost my head," said Leroy. "With pre-med as a major, Jasmine won't have time for outside distractions." "Okay honey be safe and call us when you need something," said Leroy and Victoria as they hugged Jasmine and left. Jasmine sat on her bed and took a deep breath. "Why does everybody treat me like a child and I like can do no wrong," thought Jasmine. "I'm grown and I should be able to make my own choices." A female suddenly walked into the room. "Hey! You must be Jasmine. My name is Taja," she said. "I guess we're roommates. Where are you from?" "Oh... I'm from Chagrin Falls, but I guess you can say **Cleveland**," said Jasmine. "Girl, I know where that's at: it's a suburb outside of **Cleveland**. I know cuz I'm from **'Da Land**.'" "Excuse me?" said Jasmine. "See that's how I know you not from **Cleveland** because you don't even know what **'Da Land**' is, but you cool... just don't say you're from **Cleveland** anymore," joked Taja. "Okay," said a confused Jasmine. "I hear there is a picnic going on outside. You wanna go?" asked Jasmine. "Naw girl I'm bout to get cute for this lil Ice Breaker going on tonight. I hear the **Thetas** throwing it. **The Thetas**!" said Jasmine. "Yeah girl, they this lil fly fraternity on campus. I ran into two of them today. I am going to introduce you to one of them," said Taja. "But first we gonna pre-game for this party." "Pre-game?" said Jasmine. "Damn girl, I can tell already you a virgin," Taja. "How'd you know that?" asked Jasmine. "Cuz you know nothing about pre-gaming, but Ima get u tipsy tonight," said Taja as she pulled a bottle of Hennessy out of her book bag. "Taja and her slang," thought Jasmine. "I really thought she knew I was a virgin." "Here take a sip," said Taja. "No, I better not," said Jasmine. "Girl, we in college... take a sip." Jasmine realized Taja was right. She is in college and she is not a child anymore. She is tired of her "good girl" image. She would do whatever it takes to lose that forsaken title. Here give me that

bottle," said Jasmine. **MEANWHILE...** "Daaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaamn! Look at shorty right there," said Soop. "See that's why I like the beginning of the school year... because of all these freshman!" "Yeah I wonder who mind you gonna corrupt this year, man," laughed Garcia. "Naw, that's not my plans this year," said Soop. "I think I am gonna find wifey." After a 5 second pause, Soop and Garcia burst out laughing. "Fool the day you settle down is the day you see Queen Latifa with a man," laughed Garcia.

"They walk around like they are God's gift to the world and they are very biased," said Shayla.
"They only pledge people who have long hair and anybody will tell you that. Them girls walk around campus like they just got done shooting a Pantene commercial."

"Wat? You saying there's not a 'Miss Right' out there for me?" asked Soop. "Naw, I'm saying you not Mr. Right for none of these girls because of all the wrongs you be putting them through," laughed Garcia. "Yeah whatever, but these school picnics is a good way to get a glimpse of the females. I'm seeing ton of new faces. Damn... I see red bones, yellow bones, chocolate... damn just about all types of females," said Soop. "Oh, you aint scopin the snow bunnies?" said Garcia. "Man hell naw, you know where we at? We are in the boondocks. Kauture Shaik State Universty is in a rural ass city... you think I'm tryna catch a charge? You know what happened to Roger," said Soop. "Yeah you right, said Garcia. "Besides, I love my black queens," said Soop. "Yeah, well you sure treat your queens like peasants," said Garcia. "Haha you aint never lied," laughed Soop. "Yeah, but let's hop on some of these chicks, tho." **MEANWHILE** Olivia was headed back to her dorm room. She moved in earlier, but her roommate had not yet arrived. She decided to go to the picnic to meet some new people. She opened her door to find a girl in there unpacking. "Hi u must be Olivia. I guess I'm your roommate. My name is Shayla," she said. "Ooh

girl I like your hair. Wat u tryna go for the Afro centric natural look." "I guess...if that's what you wanna call it," laughed Olivia. "So where are you from?" asked Shayla. "Oh I'm from **Harlem**," said Olivia. "**Harlem**...! Why are you attending school all the way out here," asked Shayla. "I was offered a scholarship," said Olivia. "Yeah girl KSSU putting us through school with the **Historically Underrepresented scholarships**," said Shayla. "Oh, I don't have that scholarship, I won the Laevert Alumni Scholarship, which pays for all my school expenses, including room, meals, and books" said Olivia. "Oh that's what's up... well I'm from **the D** as you can see from my **Detroit** cap. And don't tell me to take it off cuz my hair is a mess," said Shayla. "As a matter of fact, I was just about to do my hair for this ice breaker I heard about that is tonight." "Yeah I heard about that too," said Olivia. "But I don't know what to do with my hair." "Girl, I got you," Shayla said. "I am a magician when it comes to doing hair. And since you my roommate, I will do your hair for the first time free." "Yo, that's mad nice of you," said Olivia. Shayla walks up to Olivia and gently pulls a strand of Olivia's hair. "I think a perm would look too cute on you girl. Your hair is long and very healthy," said Shayla. "Naw girl, that's not my style," said Olivia. "Oh, okay I feel you," said Shayla. "So are you thinking about pledging?" "Well I kinda am," said Olivia. "I wanna be an **Eta**. I seen a couple of them at the picnic in their magenta and cream jackets and they are mad classy." "Oh, do you know anything about their organization," asked Shayla. "I know they are like the **fifth black sorority ever founded**. A couple of my teachers from high school were **Etas**," said Olivia. "Yeah, I am very interested in joining. I can't wait for the meet the Greeks coming up." "Well I heard about them and I don't think you wanna join their sorority," said Shayla. "Why? asked Olivia. "They walk around like they are God's gift to the world and they are very biased," said Shayla. "They only pledge people who have long hair and anybody will tell you that. Them girls walk around campus like they just got done shooting a Pantene commercial." Olivia's heart sank. "Im sure they pick people based on merit," she thought. "But then again, her teachers did have long hair." Olivia picked up a nearby mirror and looked at herself for about three minutes. "So you think a perm would look mad cute on me," asked Olivia.

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